in the Federal Register to take effect on a certain time after publication. We have not yet reached that point. But because this document is out, because it recommends a low standard of 2 fibers/ml, this standard itself has achieved maximum exposure conditions. It has excited more of a discussion and a lot of questions were being asked by people who might have to deal with this problem. As a result of this attention focused on asbestos, plus the intended standard which we don't really know too much about yet, that has caused us to feel that the time was right for another Seminar on Asbestos.

What we're going to try to do today is to give you some of the dimensions of the problem, but again I caution you. The final standard has not yet been promulgated so don't go back and say you have to do this right away. It may well be that the Department of Labor will not adopt all the recommendations of NIOSH after they have considered all of the testimony before them, all comments of experts, professional societies, industry, and labor. It may be for political reasons they will adopt it. We don't know. So that part is still an unknown. But, I hope that you will leave here today with a better understanding of some of the reasons for the recommendations of the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health or NIOSH, as you will hear it referred to, and, perhaps a better understanding of what you may have to do when the final standard is adopted.

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