PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT
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MINUTES

of the

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

and

DUCT SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

National Insulation Manufacturers Association
New York, N. Y. March 13, 1968

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. with the following in attendance:

Dr. L. B. Grant	PPG Industries
F. H. Edwards	Owens-Corning
R. Loeffler	PPG Industries
H. Mesler	Ruberoid Div. of GAF
R. E. Naylor	Johns-Manville
C. L. Sheckler	Johns-Manville
W. B. Silk	Johns-Manville
R. L. Strickland	Certain-Teed/St.Gobain
J. F. Vyverberg	Owens-Corning
J. Boyer	Cadwalader, Wickersham and Taft
J. M. Barnhart	NIMA

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the alleged health hazards of fibrous glass as it relates to duct liners and duct systems, and to evolve a program to combat these alleged health hazards.

J. M. Barnhart reviewed (a) "Report of the Proceedings of the Twenty-First Convention of the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers", held at Chicago, Ill., September 5-7, 1967, (b) Dr. I. J. Selikoff's testimony before the House Select Labor Committee, and (c) a legal case in Charleston, West Va., involving the misapplication of a duct wrap (it was used to line a sheet metal duct).

John Boyer reported on the legal aspects involved in cases of product disparagment and negligence actions.

The opinion was expressed that the effects of publicity on alleged health hazards of industry products should be a matter of most serious concern to all members.

It was agreed that the following steps should be taken:

1. Develop a product and installation standard for duct liner.

2. Evaluate and publicize duct liner installations that are in existence throughout the country, including union installed, and mechanical contractor installed jobs.

3. Obtain an air analysis of existing duct liner systems (Amount, size, distribution of fiber, etc.)

4. Educate SMACNA, sheet metal shops, and SMWIA with respect to proper installation techniques.

5. Develop a "position paper" on mineral fiber products.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Barnhart