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TECHNICAL & RESEARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

NEW YORK, N. Y. November 7, 1968

MOLDED SECTION

The meeting came to order at 9:10 A.M. with the following in attendance, Messrs.:

R. Harmon - PPG Industries

J. McAllister - BEH

W. McHale - Owens-Corning

W. C. Schwingen - GAF

B. Tower - J-M

C. Weber - J-M

AGENDA

1. Mil-I-24244 Insulation Materials, with Special Corrosion and Chloride requirements.

   The Molded Section reviewed the meeting of 9/19/68 with the representatives of Electric Boat in Groton, Conn. NIMA and Electric Boat had agreed on four suggested changes which Electric Boat passed on to the Navy. The Navy rejected the proposal to extend the leaching time, accepted the alternate chloride test method and the clarification of the Mercury contamination clause and took under consideration the suggested change in sample and lot definition. The committee requests that Mr. Barnhart contact Electric Boat for a progress report on the sample and lot questions.

2. Combined Military Specification Mil-I-2781 and Mil-I-2819

   The proposed combined specification was sent to the Navy in July. Mr. Barnhart was advised that he would have a reply by Sept. 25, 1968. To date, there has been no reply. The Government Committee was requested to meet with Mr. Puglesie of the Naval Ship Engineering Center as soon as possible (probably week of 11/18/68) in an attempt to initiate prompt action on this proposed change. It was felt that action on this matter should get high NIMA priority.

3. ASTM C-533

Mr. Kevlin agreed to provide Mr. Barnhart with recommended changes in order to up-grade this Specification. Mr. Barnhart will advise ASTM sub-committee S-I that he is preparing suggested revisions. Every attempt will be made to improve this Specification and do it in as short a time as possible.

A discussion was held on the philosophy of NIMA attempting to refer all federal and military specifications to an ASTM Specification. It was generally agreed that, when NIMA felt the ASTM Specification in question was adequate, efforts would be made to refer the federal and military back to it. When the ASTM Specification was felt to be inadequate, efforts would be made to improve subject ASTM Specification before referring federal and military to it.

4. Other Business

a) It was suggested that Government Committee members be advised of T&R committee meeting dates and be sent a copy of the agenda.

b) Mr. Tower agreed to obtain a copy of the amended version of Section 75 of the MARAD Specification. He will forward said copy to Mr. Barnhart for distribution to the committee-members.

c) Each member was requested in June 1968 to forward 15 copies of his company's current literature to Mr. Barnhart for distribution to T&R members. This request was repeated as several members had not forwarded their literature.

d) The Molded Section requested the status of their suggestions to the Board of Directors for full time secretarial help and expanding the responsibilities of the committee chairmen in order to relieve the Executive Secretary of some of his increased work load.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

W. C. Schwingen
Chairman, Molded Section
T & R Committee

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