

MINUTES OF
SPECIAL MEETING ON
ASBESTOS FIBERS AND FIBROUS GLASS
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1979 - 10:00 A.M.
API BOARD ROOM, NEW YORK

PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT

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I. INTRODUCTION

II. ROLL CALL

Robert F. Dressler, Chairman	Manning Paper Company
Fred G. Crane, Jr.	Crane & Company, Inc.
L. C. Zeb Renaud	Crane & Company, Inc.
Roland G. Bernier	C. H. Dexter Division-Dexter Corp.
M. G. Thomas	Fiber Process Division-Lydall
Philip S. Bettoli	GAF Corporation
Timothy C. Saylor	Hammermill Paper Company
Paul A. Walker	Hollingsworth & Vose Company
John H. Lonquist, Jr.	Johns-Manville Corporation
Larry E. Carlson	Latex Fiber Products-Boise Cascade
John F. Vyverberg	Owens Corning Fiberglas Corp.
Frank L. Wardley	Quin-T Corporation
Douglas W. Meaker	Riegel Products Corporation
Clifford L. Sheckler	Thermal Insulation Manufacturers Assn
David H. Carleton	American Paper Institute
Dr. John L. Festa	American Paper Institute
Nina K. Plaia	American Paper Institute
Dr. Isaiah Gellman	National Council for Air & Stream Improvement
Raymond C. Pflieger	National Council for Air & Stream Improvement
Michael B. Weir, Counsel	Dunnington, Bartholow & Miller

III. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Robert Dressler of Manning Paper Company was unanimously elected Chairman.

IV. DISCUSSION

A. Fiberglass

John Vyverberg, representing Owens Corning Fiberglas Corporation, the Thermal Insulation Manufacturers Association (TIMA), and the Mineral Insulation Manufacturers Association (MIMA), pointed out that his organizations would be responding only to the fiber glass "substitute" portion of the EPA document which appeared in the Federal Register on October 17, 1979. The reason why his organizations are commenting on the proposed rule is twofold:

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1. It was felt that the EPA did not consider all of the medical-scientific studies concerning fiber glass which have been conducted to date. (However, Clifford Sheckler of TIMA informed the group that industry is in the process of conducting a \$4 million medical research project to study the effects of certain substances, including fiberglass, on human health.)
2. It was felt that the EPA and CPSC do not have the legal authority to propose a rule affecting one substance which would then be extended to substitute substances. This is especially true in the case of asbestos fiber and fibrous glass, since a comparison of the two shows very little similarity in physical composition.

Discussion was held on the technical aspects of very fine fibers, which measure less than one micron in diameter. Certain companies use these fibers in their papermaking process.

John Lonnquist stated that Johns-Manville Corporation would be willing to conduct seminars on an individual or group basis to provide other companies with the technical background needed for preparing comments to the EPA. Interested parties may contact him.

The Chairman appointed a subcommittee to develop a response to the fiber glass portion of the proposed rule. Members include:

Roland Bernier
Timothy Saylor
John Lonnquist
M. G. Thomas
Robert Dressler
Douglas Meaker

C. H. Dexter Division
Hammermill Paper Company
Johns-Manville Corp.
Fiber Process Division-Lydall
Manning Paper Company
Riegel Products Corp.

B. Asbestos

Dr. Isaiah Gellman suggested that API question the Research Triangle Institute about how it will safeguard the confidentiality of statistics which may be sent to them, as well as how they intend to use this information.

The Chairman appointed a subcommittee to develop a response to RTI's letter and to prepare comments on the asbestos portion of the proposed rule listed in the Federal Register. Members include:

Philip Bettoli
Ann Wise
Richard Carter
Lee Whitely

GAF Corp.
Hollingsworth & Vose Company
Johns-Manville Corp.
Fiber Process Division-Lydall

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Rita Bogares
Raymond Pfleger

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V. NEXT MEETING

The Fiberglass Subcommittee will meet at 10:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 17, 1980 at API, New York. The Asbestos Subcommittee meeting will overlap the Fiberglass meeting and begin at 12:00 Noon.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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