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AIA/NA DIRECTORS TO HEAR EPA'S DEKANY AT JUNE MEETING

Regular second quarter meeting of Association's board of directors will be held Wednesday, June 13, at the Ramada Inn Old Town, 901 N. Fairfax St., Alexandria, Va. AIA/NA Executive Committee meets June 12 in the Ramada Inn.

John P. DeKany, EPA's Deputy Assistant Administrator for Chemical Control in Office of Toxic Substances, will be luncheon speaker on June 13. DeKany is expected to comment on the ongoing work by OTS in regard to asbestos-containing products (N&N Apr.). As related matter, representatives of Association met with OTS officials on May 30 for general review of issues under consideration by EPA. Report will be presented to directors at meeting.

HOUSE HEARINGS HELD ON COMPENSATION FOR ASBESTOS DISEASE

The House Education and Labor Subcommittee on Labor Standards held three days of hearings earlier this month on subject of worker compensation for asbestos related disease.

The proceeding before the subcommittee, chaired by Edward P. Beard (D-RI), began May 1 with a day of testimony on medical aspects of the compensation issue. Witnesses included: Rep. Millicent Fenwick (R-NJ); Dr. Anthony Robbins, Director, National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health; Dr. David Rall, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences; Dr. Leon Cander, Chief of Internal Medicine, Albert Einstein Medical Center; Dr. Hilton C. Lewinsohn, Corporate Medical Director, Raybestos-Manhattan; and Dr. Phillip Polakoff, Director, Western Institute of Occupational/Environmental Science.

Testifying the following day was Dr. Hans Weill, Professor of Medicine, Tulane University Medical School. Also providing testimony May 2 were members of the labor community including Sheldon Samuels, Director, Health, Safety and Environment, Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO; Joseph Cribben, Department of Health and Safety, United Association of Plumbers; and Allan Coats, Metal Trades Department, AFL-CIO.

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