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Training Offering

"Workplace Monitoring," October 4-5, 1977, [illegible]. Details from Greater Detroit Safety Council, 857 Virginia Park, Detroit, MI 48202; 313/873-4422.

Asbestos Standard Updates

Effective March 19, 1976, the U.S. Department of Labor [illegible] airborne asbestos monitoring records retention period to 2 years [illegible] requirement of 3 years. This period corresponds with the medical [illegible] included in the standard. Michigan adopted the federal asbestos standard [illegible] January 1, 1975.

In January 19[illegible], the Assistant Secretary of Labor [illegible] require medical examinations only when exposures to asbestos fibers [illegible] fibers greater than [illegible] length per cubic centimeter of air. [illegible] interpretation of the standard [illegible] examination and monitoring no matter how [illegible] concentration.

The above noted interpretations have application to Michigan employers in both the public and private employment sectors and will be applied by the Department of Public Health in the state occupational health program.

Occupational Health Standards Commission News

The commission was saddened to learn in January of the death of Richard J. Oreson, representative of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union and one of the commission's charter members.

The commission is actively engaged in occupational health standard review and promulgation. As required by Act [illegible] 19[illegible], advisory committees [illegible] are working in the following areas:

Agricultural Health. [illegible] was formed [illegible] and standards development in the [illegible] agricultural labor [illegible] sanitation, and related issues.

Coke Oven Emissions. [illegible] committee is evaluating the recent OSHA standard on coke oven emissions, preparatory to the promulgation of the state standard.

Core. This committee was formed to monitor OSHA activities in the development of standards covering broad occupational health issues found throughout industry and not confined specifically to one type of operation (horizontal type standards). This committee will shortly be considering a number of air contaminant standards.

Diving Operations. This committee is reviewing the current OSHA standard proposal for commercial diving.

First Aid. This committee was formed to review federal occupational health first aid standards which were adopted by reference. The intent of the committee is to determine the adequacy of present first aid standards and to develop guidelines to assist employers and employees in meeting the standards' requirements.

Tunnels. This committee is reviewing and revising present occupational health standards relative to tunneling operations which were [illegible] by reference from the federal standards with the passage of Act 1[illegible].

Inquiries relative to occupational health standards activities may be addressed to the Occupational Health Standards Commission, c/o James C. Barrett, Commission Secretary, Michigan Department of Public Health, 3500 North Logan Street, P.O. Box 30035, Lansing, MI 48909.

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