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ASBESTOS/QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q -- The present asbestos standard adopted by OSHA limits the amount of asbestos in the air to a time-weighted average of five fibers, five microns or longer, per cubic centimeter at any one time. Is Bendix presently in compliance with this standard at the Friction Materials plants in Troy and Cleveland?

A --

Q -- If not in compliance, how close are we to meeting this standard. What are the problems? Cost? Technological?

A --

Q -- Does Bendix expect to be able to meet the new two fiber per cubic centimeter standard by July 1, 1976? What are we talking about in terms of additional cost to achieve this reduction of three fibers per cubic centimeter?

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A --

Q -- Does Bendix face the kind of situation in which technology is simply not available at the present time to meet such a standard -- or would be prohibitively expensive? If so, would enforcement result in a shutdown of some operations and a subsequent loss of jobs?

A --

Q -- How closely does Bendix monitor the asbestos content of the air in the plant? How is this done? How frequently? What records are kept?

A --

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Q -- What about the air in the neighborhood around the plant? Has this been analyzed? What results?

A --

Q -- Who, besides Bendix, has made air analysis in and around the plant? Government agencies? Outside consultants? Their findings? How recent?

A --

Q -- Out of total plant employment, how many employees receive chest-X-rays each year? How is this program administered? Basis of selection -- amount of exposure to asbestos? Length of time employed? Any negative results at all?

A --

Q -- Has Bendix itself independently conducted any research into the matter of asbestos and health? If so, of what nature?

A --

Q -- To what extent has Bendix supported industry research through trade association participation, cooperation with projects involved in medical studies of the problem, etc.?

A --

Q -- Has Bendix made financial contributions for medical research involving asbestos and its effect on human health?

A --