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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP
MURRAY HILL, NEW JERSEY
JANUARY 16, 1979

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In Attendance:

R. L. Beach (Co-chairman) - AT&T, Human Resources
G. P. Bisgeier, M. D. - N. J. Bell, Medical
N. J. DeCapua - AT&T, Support Services
J. M. Degen (Secretary) - AT&T, Human Resources
J. P. Dunn, M. D. - AT&T, Medical
M. J. Hanley, M. D. - BTL, Medical
J. R. Lauritzen - Western Electric, Environmental Engineering
C. H. Steinmetz, M. D. - N. Y. Tel., Medical
R. W. Stone, M. D. (Co-chairman) - AT&T, Medical
G. M. Wilkening - BTL, Environmental Health and Safety

Guests:

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Asbestos Exposure - Formulation of Policy

A general discussion was held on the need for a policy with regard to employee exposure to insulation materials that may contain asbestos. This issue has been discussed in the past without any clear-cut decisions being reached. It was agreed that a System Policy would most likely be divided into two parts: one dealing with company owned, leased or rented facilities, and the other dealing with customer facilities. It was decided to first concentrate on the issue of Company facilities before attacking the more difficult issues associated with customer facilities. Mr. DeCapua agreed to assemble a task force of the necessary building engineering and other representatives to pursue the issue in a logical manner.

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Asbestos Exposure in Telco Buildings

Mr. DeCapua reported on the initial activities of an Asbestos Study Group formed to evaluate the potential for employee exposure to airborne asbestos fibers in Company Buildings. This study group is composed of representatives from the following groups:

- AT&T Real Estate and Property Management
- AT&T Building Planning and Design
- AT&T Medical
- AT&T Safety
- STL Environmental Health and Safety
- NYT Building Technical Services

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The first task of this Study Group will be to identify those Company Buildings where Asbestos is present - primarily in the form of sprayed-on insulation and fireproofing. This type of fireproofing was widely used during the late 1950's and 1960's for low-cost, lightweight construction for administration and general office occupancies. In the Bell System, it is not likely that sprayed-on fireproofing would be found in equipment buildings, however, in administrative space, especially leased facilities, it is likely that this type of construction will be encountered frequently.

After the universe of buildings with asbestos is determined, statistical techniques will be used to conduct a sample of exposures due to the asbestos. It is expected that employee exposure would generally fall into one or more of the following categories:

1. Ambient air, no activity to disturb the asbestos.
2. Disturbance of asbestos due to normal work operations.
3. Major renovation of facilities.

A second task of the Study Group will be to formulate a policy of dealing with the asbestos problem in Company Buildings and preparing a set of guidelines that the OTC's can use to prepare their specific programs to cope with the situation.

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