



MINUTES

of the

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
NATIONAL INSULATION MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
New York, N. Y. June 5, 1967

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. with the following in attendance:

Dr. L.B. Grant, Chairman	PPG Industries
H. Auricchio	Baldwin-Euret-Hill
R. Cotts	Gustin-Bacon
F.H. Edwards	Owens-Corning
H. Mesler	Ruberoid
C.L. Sheckler	Johns-Manville
J. Vyverberg	Owens-Corning
Dr. L.J. Cralley	USPHS
J.M. Barnhart	NIMA

UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE MINERAL FIBER (FIBROUS GLASS AND MINERAL WOOL) INDUSTRY STUDY.

Dr. Lewis J. Cralley proposed to immediately initiate a "records study" using records of the Bureau of Old Age Survivors Insurance (BOASI) on former deceased employees of the industry and in the future as such data becomes available on present employees who have had long experience in the industry. The "records study" would be to determine specific causes of death and longevity on former long-term employees of the industry. This study will be part of the total fibrous materials study which has been underway at the U.S.P.H.S. for several years. This would be another parallel but separate study similar to the fibrous materials being studied now or would be included in a study at a later date.

Certain information must initially be furnished by the companies who compose the industry to characterize the industry at the present time and enable the eventual selection of cohorts of 3,000 each from the insulation and the textile portion of the industry. These cohorts would be part of a longitudinal study to include environmental, clinical and epidemiological studies to ascertain the health effects, if any, associated with varying degrees and types of employee exposure within the industry. The information is required from each company concerning the plants of the company which manufacture glass for either insulation or textiles or mineral wool. The nature of the information required is shown in Attachment 1. Mr. Barnhart, the Secretary of NIMA, will send a letter to each Member of the Occupational Health and Safety Committee whose responsibility it will be to see that the desired information from their company is developed and forwarded to Dr. Lewis Cralley and also to notify the Secretary of NIMA when the information has been forwarded to Dr. Cralley.

(Note: Mr. Clifford Sheckler stated that his company had no reservations in supplying the above information to the U.S.P.H.S., however, it could not be supplied to NIMA.)

A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed

That the NIMA Occupational Health & Safety Committee is to act in the capacity of a general administrative body in the mineral fiber study. Specific detailed information, as required, will be sent directly to the USPHS by the individual companies.

Dr. Cralley suggested that the Committee send a letter to Dr. Murray Brown, Director of the Division of Occupational Health, U.S.P.H.S. in Washington, D.C., advising him that NIMA desires a study by the U.S.P.H.S. of the industry. The letter should include a copy of the resolution passed by the Board on May 16 concerning their desire for the study. It should include the importance of the industry to the National economy and the desire of industry to promote the health of its employees and its customers through a complete understanding of the health effects, if any, of exposure to the products of the industry. It should also allude to the April 3 letter by Dr. Cralley, Attachment 2, as well as the June 5 meeting of the Committee with Dr. Cralley and the steps presently being taken in regard to the "records study" within the industry. Lastly, it should allude to the desire of the Committee to meet with Dr. Brown and Dr. Cralley to discuss the studies desired by the industry.

Dr. Cralley urged each company to continue to support research both in the laboratory and within the plants such as that work which is being done by the industry at the Industrial Hygiene Foundation which includes work on fibrous materials; University of Cincinnati, Kettering Laboratory, dust and erosion studies; and environmental and employee studies of the Owens-Corning Fiber Glass Newark Plant.

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM FOR IDCA REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

At the May 16, 1967, NIMA Board Meeting, this responsibility was placed under the Occupational Health and Safety Committee. It was to be a Subcommittee chaired by Mr. Clifford Sheckler. The Board recommended that this Subcommittee develop recommendations in regard to the continuation of the educational program which would include the material to be presented, the various meetings at which it would be presented and the people and funds required to carry out the proposed program.

Mr. Sheckler requested that his Subcommittee consist of the following Members:

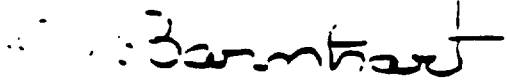
F.H. Edwards
H. Auricchio
H. Masler

Mr. Sheckler advised he would meet with his Committee and develop the data requested by the Board for consideration by the Occupational Health and Safety Committee. He further advised that his Subcommittee would not be able to meet with the Occupational Health and Safety Committee of IDCNA in Montreal scheduled for early July nor would he have any guidance for this Committee at this time.

Mr. John Vyverberg suggested that the Subcommittee work with the Regional Occupational Health and Safety Committees of the IDCNA in the development of educational programs for their regions and, if possible, involve them in at least a portion of the program presentation.

Mr. Clifford Sheckler indicated a need to be more specific than heretofore in future presentations to the IDCNA groups particularly in the areas of health and safety prevention techniques and in handling workmen's compensation claims. In this regard, Dr. Grant suggested consideration be given to advising IDCNA of sources available to assist the contractors in effecting appropriate environmental controls and efficient handling of workmen's compensation claims. Dr. Cralley suggested that the appropriate State occupational health personnel be made aware of the regional meetings and the advice intended to be tendered at such meetings since the State has the responsibility for such matters within their own States. This would help to minimize conflicts between the advice we were providing to the contractor and local State requirements.

Respectfully submitted,


J. M. Barnhart