

The proposed rules represent a substantial and significant change from current regulations and should be thoroughly reviewed by anyone involved with the production or use of asbestos fiber.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO

As one of the major producers and users of asbestos, Johns-Manville has formed a task force to study the new proposal and develop medical, legal, and feasibility and economic impact information in order to prepare our comments on the issues raised by these regulations.

Obviously, it will not be possible for J-M to provide technical assistance on this subject to all of its customers. As an alternative we plan to provide the information we develop to the Asbestos Information Association/North America -- (A.I.A./N.A.).

The A.I.A./N.A. was formed in December 1970 to coordinate the efforts of the asbestos industry in disseminating authoritative information concerning asbestos and the asbestos industry with emphasis on the safety, health, and environmental issues. Currently, it consists of twenty-two asbestos companies in the U.S. and Canada. The objectives of the Association are:

- 1) To provide industry-wide information on asbestos and health, and on industry efforts to eliminate existing hazards.
- 2) To cooperate with governmental agencies in developing and implementing industry-wide standards for worker protection and for the control of asbestos dust emissions into the community air and water.
- 3) To exchange information on methods and techniques of asbestos dust control.
- 4) To correct misleading and uninformed reportage on asbestos/health problems.
- 5) To publicize the unique benefits and importance of asbestos products and otherwise represent the asbestos industry.

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