Other salient points are as follows:

- The symposium provided a marketing forum for asbestos substitute material vendors and did not appear to be conducive to unbiased presentation of factual information.
- EPA/CPSC asserts that cost-effective, proven asbestos substitutes are already on the market and proliferation of these materials requires only consumer/industry education.
- The general philosophy expressed by CPSC is one which seeks to eliminate asbestos usage without regard for the tendency of asbestos fibers in various products to become airborne.

Background information presented at the meeting is attached. EPA intends to publish a summary of the symposium which will also contain reprints of the papers presented. Estimated time to publication is three months.

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Attachments
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