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THE FLINTKOTE COMPANY

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TO MR. M.L. JOHNSON FROM W.H. MORTONSON SUBJECT: ASBESTOS STANDARDS
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I have attached the minutes of the AIA/NA Technical Committee Meeting which was held in Newark, New Jersey on February 6, 1974. The minutes of a previous meeting between three members of the AIA/NA Technical Committee and OSHA are also attached and establish the reason for the February 6th meeting.

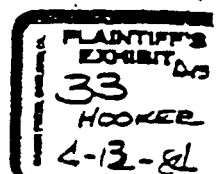
The need to write drafts of work practices as quickly as possible was determined to be our most important assignment. OSHA intends to use work practices as a practical method for their inspectors to determine compliance during plant inspections. If Industry doesn't do the job, OSHA will have it done by outside sources.

It was agreed that the work practices could best be done by individuals from the various industries which will be affected. Assignments were made on this basis as indicated in Ed Fenner's minutes. We are expected to provide assistance in the areas of asbestos-cement pipe and vinyl asbestos floor tile. Someone from Ravenna should contact John McGinley to help on pipe, and I have already spoken to Ed Opila about offering Bill Fassuliotis his aid for tile. It should be noted that the time schedule is very tight for first drafts but this is at the insistence of the OSHA officials.

During the course of the Committee Meeting, several items of interest were discussed which require our noting or taking actions:

1. AIA/NA wishes a response to Ed Fenner on our company position regarding the confidentiality of medical exams. The unions are pushing to have the exams kept confidential and for the doctor to only advise Management whether or not the employee can continue working. AIA will take whatever stand the member companies want based on the responses.
2. On the matter of monitoring fiber counts a number of aspects of this function were discussed with the following consensus agreement on practices.
 - a. Pumps should be calibrated for flow rate at least once a year. J-M uses a "wet displacement method". We will find out about this method.
 - b. Samples, once prepared for microscopic exam, are only good for 3 or 4 days so sample retention has little value.

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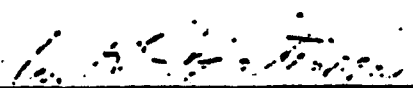
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- c. Frequency of testing is twice a year if previous tests indicate operation occasionally exceeds TLV. Once a year if operation is under TLV.
- d. Most companies have been testing for 90-minute duration or a complete job cycle, whichever is longer but are now tending toward 4-hour tests wherever practical for TWA values. Peak value tests are run according to the particular operation being measured.
- e. Several companies (Nicolet and J-M), who have considerable waste disposal problems, have been investigating pelletizing the asbestos dusts and waste with encouraging results. Ferro-Tech (sp ?) was one company mentioned as offering equipment for pelletizing.
- f. Some very high fiber counts have been obtained when dry-wall joint cement is sanded. It was felt that asbestos would either have to be eliminated from the product or the cements labelled as "hazardous".


W.H. Mortonson

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