

SUMMARY OF ASBESTOS INFORMATION ASSOCIATION/NORTH AMERICA

ACTIVITIES FROM JUNE 17 to DECEMBER 7, 1972

- June 22:** Special meeting of the Board of Directors held at the Harvard Club in New York to review OSHA standards and future AIA/NA activities.
- June 29:** M. M. Swetonic, H. M. Jackson, Johns-Manville; Frank Zimmerman, National Gypsum; John Marsh, Raybestos-Manhattan; Paul Weiner, GAF Corporation; and Bradley Walls, legal counsel to AIA/NA, flew to Washington to meet with OSHA representatives to discuss a number of points with regard to the interpretation and enforcement of the asbestos standards. Reports on this meeting sent to all AIA members on July 5 and 12.
- July 10:** Letter sent to John O'Neill of OSHA requesting that the U.S. asbestos industry be granted permission by OSHA to use up existing supplies of bags, cartons, boxes, etc. that require a warning label, due to the fact that the labels currently in use carry the same information as required by the regulations.
- July 17:** AIA/NA instituted periodic report series on government, labor, medical, press and other activities affecting the asbestos industry.
- July 16:** M. M. Swetonic attended meeting in Denver, Colorado with members of the Johns-Manville Corporation to discuss presentation to Bendix Corporation on future of asbestos industry.
- July 20:** M. M. Swetonic met with one of the nation's largest producers of asbestos containing filter material, to discuss problems that industry is having with the Food and Drug Administration regarding asbestos fibrils found in injectable drugs.
- July 24:** Sent out AIA/NA Report series number two.



July 27: Letter sent to OSHA head George C. Guenther regarding industry use of existing warning labels (see July 10). Mr. Warren of OSHA replied by telephone on November 27.

July 28: AIA/NA members informed that the Industrial Union Department (IUD) of the AFL-CIO had filed a petition in the United States Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., challenging the validity of the OSHA Standards on asbestos.

July 31: Sent out AIA/NA Report series number three.

August 4: Distributed study by Kannerstein-Churg with regard to asbestos exposure and smoking.

August 7: George Swallow of Johns-Manville met with Walter D. Holland of Trapelo/West to review industry comments on Trapelo's proposal for a statistical evaluation of the Membrane Filter Method.

August 7: Sent out AIA/NA Report series number four.

August 8: A meeting was held in Washington by OSHA to discuss the problems it is experiencing in its enforcement program because of the lack of reliability of the membrane filter method. OSHA decided that a 15 member advisory committee be put together to review the problem. On August 22, a letter was sent by the AIA to Gerard F. Scannell, Office of Standards, OSHA, recommending the names of four industry industrial hygiene experts to sit in on the proposed 15 member advisory committee. The names submitted were: E. M. Fenner, Edward Bulava, Johns-Manville; I. H. Weaver, Raybestos-Manhattan; William Fassuliotis, GAF Corporation.

August 10: A special AIA meeting held with regard to IUD lawsuit against OSHA on asbestos standards. Attendees were: A. H. Fay, National Gypsum; J. H. Marsh, Raybestos-Manhattan; G. G. Gabrielson, Jr., Jack Whittaker, Nicolet; Richard Carter, Johns-Manville; Paul Weiner, GAF; B. Neville, B. M. Walls, legal counsel for AIA. Decision was made to recommend to Board of Directors that AIA participate in case as amicus curiae.

- August 22: AIA/NA made arrangements to have printed "Asbestos Dust Hazard" warning signs according to the specifications contained in the OSHA asbestos regulations.
- August 30: Distributed revised proposal by Trapelo/West for study of Membrane Filter Method to members of AIA/NA Environmental Control Sub-Committee for approval.
- September 14: AIA/NA annual meeting held in New York at the Harvard Club. New slate of officers elected. 1973 Budget approved. Executive Committee formed. Environmental Control and publicity consultants retained.
- Sent out AIA/NA Report series number five.
- September 19: A letter was sent to all AIA members requesting a listing of product lines and customer industries that are causing problems because of OSHA. Purpose of list was to aid Cunningham & Walsh in its positive publicity program on asbestos.
- September 21: A meeting was held in AIA offices in New York with asbestos filter manufacturers to discuss industry response to proposed restrictions on asbestos filters by the Food & Drug Administration.
- September 22: Sent out AIA/NA Report series number six.
- September 26: The Environmental Defense Fund filed a motion with the Court of Appeals in Washington to intervene as an active participant in the IUD suit on the OSHA asbestos standards.
- September 27: Special AIA Lawyers' Sub-Committee meeting held in AIA offices to determine possible areas of cooperation between counsel in cases where several members are joined as defendants.

- September 29: Meeting held in London between AIA and Asbestos Information Committee to discuss mutual problems and arrange for greater future cooperation. Attending on behalf of the AIA/NA were: J. H. Marsh, Raybestos-Manhattan; F. J. Solon, Jr., Ivan Sabourin, Johns-Manville; M. M. Swetonic, AIA/NA. Representing the AIC were: Michael F. Howe, Turner & Newell; Alex Cross, Cape Asbestos Company; Wilfred Howard, Asbestos Information Committee (England); Hugh Dawson-Walker, Hill & Knowlton
- October 1-6: The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), a division of the World Health Organization, held a "Meeting of a Working Group to Review the Biological Effects of Asbestos" at IARC headquarters in Lyon, France. Representing the U.S. industry at the meeting were J. H. Marsh, Dr. J. L. Goodman of Raybestos-Manhattan; F. J. Solon, Jr., Dr. F. L. Pundsack and Dr. S. Speil of Johns-Manville; and M. M. Swetonic of AIA/NA. A report on the meeting was distributed on October 17.
- October 12: Sent out AIA/NA Report series number seven.
- October 25: A letter was sent to AIA Executive Committee recommending proposed guidelines for future AIA participation in radio and TV shows on asbestos-health. Approval to guidelines given by Committee at November 16 meeting.
- October 31: Second meeting held with asbestos filter manufacturers to discuss their problem with FDA.
- November 2: Letter sent to editor of "Arts and Activities" regarding published story about use of asbestos as modeling compounds in schools.
- November 7: The Bureau of Mines, Coal Mine Division, published a proposal in the Federal Register to establish a two fiber asbestos standard in coal mines. Report distributed on November 13.

- November 8: M. M. Swetonic traveled to Washington with a group of asbestos filter manufacturers to meet with members of the FDA's recently established task force on asbestos. Report on meeting distributed on November 27.
- November 10: M. M. Swetonic met with Bob Sterns, editor of "Report Series on OSHA," to discuss story for his publication on the asbestos industry. Story appeared in the November 27 issue.
- November 16: A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at AIA headquarters in New York. The Government Research Company was retained as AIA Washington consultant.
- November 17: Sent out AIA/NA Report series number eight.
- November 21: A meeting was held with representatives of QAMA to discuss future cooperation on asbestos-health matters. Attending on behalf of AIA were F. J. Solon, Jr., Johns-Manville; M. M. Swetonic, AIA/NA and on behalf of QAMA J. A. Gossip and I. C. Campbell.
- November 28: Third meeting held with asbestos filter manufacturers to review industry approach to FDA.
- December 1: Sent out AIA/NA Report series number nine.
- December 5: Meeting arranged by AIA with Bureau of Mines officials to discuss proposed new asbestos standard for asbestos mining and milling industries. Report on meeting distributed on December 6.
- December 7: Letter sent to Dr. Wright, St. Luke's Hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, asking him to submit data to the Department of Interior on proposed two fiber standard for coal mines.