

The A.I.A./N.A. has within its organization various committees that will be studying and preparing comments on the issues raised by the new proposed regulations. A.I.A./N.A. has also retained a medical consultant, Dr. Hans Weill, who will oversee the development and collation of pertinent medical information on asbestos. This information will be available for the benefit of its members.

We strongly recommend that anyone involved with asbestos consider membership in the A.I.A./N.A. as a means of developing the necessary information to allow them to comment on the proposed regulations:

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WHAT IS THE TIMING?

The OSHA proposal requests written comments, data and arguments from interested persons on or before December 8, 1975. It also states that an informal hearing may be requested to provide further opportunity for discussion of the issues.

Both J-M and the A.I.A./N.A. have requested an extension of 120 days from the December 8, 1975 date for filing objections in order to allow proper preparation of our comments. We also plan to request a hearing.

WHO SHOULD COMMENT?

EVERYONE concerned with the use of asbestos should be prepared and plan to comment on the issues raised by the proposed regulations. Your comments should address the issues of medical, feasibility and economic impact.

The major users are preparing their comments on these issues.

However, included in the proposed regulations is a concern regarding the affect they will have on those employers who have a relatively small