Minutes: Air Hygiene & Manufacturing Committee
October 8, 1964
Barbizon-Plaza Hotel, New York, N. Y.
9:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Studio C

Attending:

L. C. Williams, Chairman	Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
W. C. Atkinson	Johns-Manville Corp.
D. T. Austin	United States Rubber
J. L. Rainey	American Asbestos Textile
Hans Walter	American Asbestos Textile
C. L. Sheckler	Johns-Manville Corp.
A. P. Gouveia	H. K. Porter Co., Inc.
T. C. McCluskey, Jr.	Tallman-McCluskey Fabrics Co.

Absent:

A. C. Link	United States Rubber

Public Health Service Survey
Dr. Lewis J. Cralley,
Scientist Director, Assistant Chief

Dr. Cralley was unable to attend our committee meeting. However, reports were made on the status of the environmental studies being conducted by Dr. Cralley and his group. They have completed six in-plant studies and are currently working at Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc., Manheim, Pa. There are three or four more companies to be studied in order to complete the Textile section of the survey. Reports to date from all companies are very complimentary to Dr. Cralley and the efficiency he and his group display. They are well accepted by both Management and employee. Dr. Cralley has stated he is very encouraged with the studies he has made to date.

Conference - "Biological Effects of Asbestos"
October 19-20-21, 1964
New York City

We discussed this conference at our June 4, 1964 meeting and at that time agreed the ATI would not take an active part in the Conference but each company would send representatives as they saw fit. The picture has now changed somewhat as recent publications again point out the intent of this Conference headed by Dr. Selikoff. Since they are linking asbestos with cancer, the committee feels this Conference will have an effect on the entire Industry and are concerned as how best the results of the Conference can be investigated and rebutted.

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After considerable discussion it was suggested a Public Relations man with our help would be the quickest way to get accurate publicity to the public. We all recognize that Dr. Selikoff has a plan for news releases; the latest one given to approximately 1750 individual news medians. We assume that news releases such as this will continue to flow from Dr. Selikoff and our concern for both the immediate industry and the customer as to the influence it will have on the use of asbestos. The committee reported our thinking as stated above to the Board of Governors and they will act as they feel necessary.

Published Pamphlet - "Method for Determining Asbestos Dust Concentrations"

A summary for the period July 1 thru September 30, 1964 shows 27 copies sold and 103 copies given away for publicity. We received letters of appreciation from four companies for the complimentary copy.

1. Chester Beatty Research Institute
   Dr. J. S. Harington

2. London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
   Dr. M. L. Thomson

3. Atlas Asbestos Company
   N. L. Barr, Vice President

4. Mineral Fiber Products Bureau
   F. S. Nestle, Sec'y to Managing Director

The printing costs were 37¢ each. The Board of Governors set the price at 50¢ for members of the Institute and $1.00 for non-members. We have sufficient copies on hand and additional copies may be purchased by writing to Asbestos Textile Institute, P.O. Box #239, Pompton Lakes, N.J., 07442.

Dust Monitoring Equipment

At the June 4th meeting the Phoenix-Precision Instrument Co. demonstrated a dust monitoring unit. Since each company has complete information on this unit the committee agreed to drop it from the agenda and each company will use the information as they desire.

Quality Control Systems under MIL-Q-9858 A.

At the request of several members the committee reviewed this specification. It was agreed it is

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desirable to be covered by this military specification if you are producing for the Government as it reduces the time involved for product inspection because your Quality program has been standardized and you certify to each shipment. In discussing this military specification I was pleased to find that most member companies are qualified.

General Discussion

Items of interest to Management such as employee infractions, disciplinary action, hiring, lay-off and overtime practices, Foremen's Manual and plant housekeeping were discussed.

Review of Committee Activities for Past Year

Meeting - June 6, 1963

1. Draft submitted on Institute approved dust counting method.

2. Asbestos Related Lung Cancer Study - Dr. Selikoff's study on 1500 asbestos workers largely on the asbestos insulation applications.

3. Open forum to introduce Dr. Cralley and the start of the U. S. Public Health Survey.

Meeting - October 4, 1963

1. Reviewed annual report of Asbestos Reaearch Council of England.

2. Started investigation of Dust Monitoring Equipment.

3. Method for Determining Asbestos Dust Concentrations Approved by the Asbestos Textile Institute.

Meeting - February 7, 1964

1. Published and made available to anyone upon request the Method for Determining Asbestos Dust Concentrations. Will consider placing this method in the Asbestos Textile Handbook next issue.

2. Public Health Service Survey - Change of format - Dr. Cralley to be invited to the June ATI meeting. He will be requested to answer questions that have come up.

3. Announcement of the Conference "Biological Effects of Asbestos". Will hold all proceedings as to ATI participation until more information is received.

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Tentatively recommended Mr. Sunbury, the ATI Secretary, be there as an observer.

Meeting - June 5, 1964

1. Public Health Service Survey - Progress report by Dr. Cralley. Questions answered.

2. Dust Monitoring Equipment demonstrated. Each member has complete information on this unit called the Sinclair-Phoenix Dust and Smoke Photometer. Cost approximately $2500 plus $700 for the recorder.

3. Asbestos Research Council of England - Reviewed reports received from Dr. Holmes.

4. Conference - "Biological Effects of Asbestos". The Committee agreed that ATI will not take an active part in this Conference. Each company will represent themselves as they see fit.

L. C. Williams, Chairman
Air Hygiene & Mfg. Committee

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