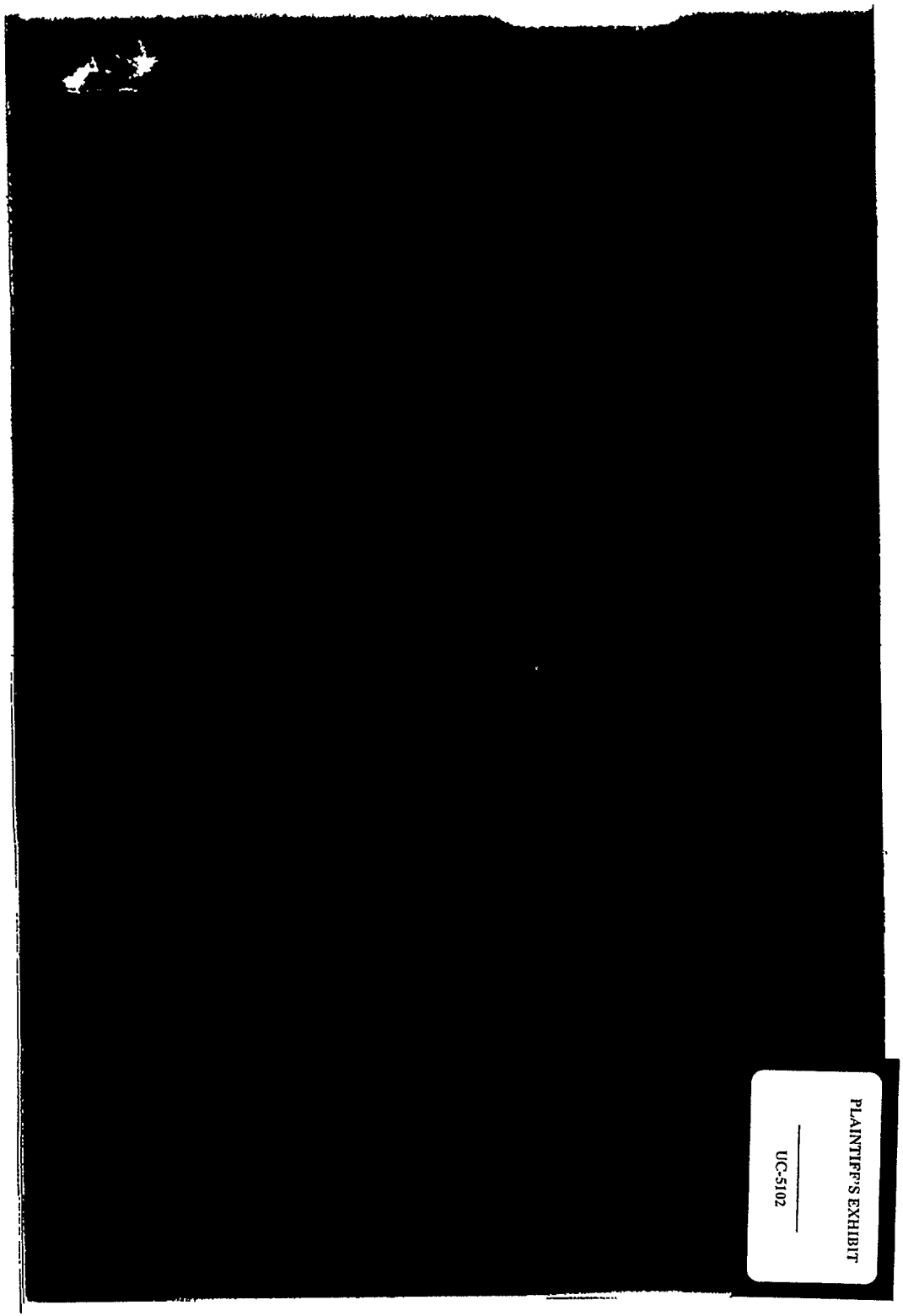
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The Asbestos Information Association/North America

In recent years, new findings relating prolonged inhalation of asbestos fibers to various occupational health hazards have created understandable public and governmental concern. This concern, nurtured by lack of information on the true nature and extent of these hazards, has at times created an emotional and irrational attitude toward asbestos in all its forms and applications.

Members of most producer and user companies, which have for some time implemented worker-protection procedures, individually attempted to provide facts to the press, government and public about the nature and extent of asbestos health problems and efforts to correct them. However, the industry lacked a single, constantly available source able to provide authoritative information on asbestos-health in the United States and Canada.

This situation was changed with the formation of the ASBESTOS INFORMATION ASSOCIATION/NORTH AMERICA (AIA/NA) in December 1970. Its objectives are:

1. To provide industry-wide information on asbestos and health, and on industry efforts to eliminate existing hazards;

2. To cooperate with governmental agencies in developing and implementing industry-wide standards for worker protection and for the control of asbestos dust emissions into the community air;

3. To exchange information on methods and techniques of asbestos dust control;

4. To correct misleading and uninformed reportage on asbestos-health problems;

5. To publicize the unique benefits and importance of asbestos in protecting human life and property.

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The AIA/NA is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of representatives from all member companies. Day-to-day activities are conducted by an Executive Committee, which consults with member company industrial hygienists and environmental control experts, legal counsel and medical consultants whenever necessary. The chief staff officer is the Executive Secretary, Matthew M. Swetonic, who functions from AIA/NA headquarters, 22 East 40th Street, New York, New York 10016.

In its first two years of existence, the AIA has, among its many activities, conducted a full day seminar on asbestos-health for industry officials; nominated industry environmental control specialists to sit on governmental advisory committees examining (1) occupational hazards of asbestos, and (2) ambient air emissions; testified at both Federal Environmental Protection Agency and Department of Labor hearings on asbestos; sponsored technical research into the reliability of the method currently being used to measure asbestos concentrations in the workplace; provided speakers for seminars on occupational health, and developed informational programs to keep the industry fully aware of all new developments, whether medical, governmental or technical, concerning asbestos-health.

The AIA/NA, since the promulgation of the OSHA occupational health standards on asbestos in mid-1972, has devoted much of its efforts to assisting the member companies and others within the industry with their compliance programs. A five booklet OSHA compliance manual developed and produced by the AIA/NA was scheduled for publication in mid 1973.

The AIA/NA has also provided information on asbestos-health to the press, medical researchers, federal government officials and agencies, such as the Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Labor, the Department of the Interior, the EPA, and also to officials at the state and local governmental levels. It has attended and participated in local, regional and international conferences on asbestos-health, and

also maintains a close working relationship with other asbestos industry groups, including the Asbestos Textile Institute, Asbestos Cement Products Association, Friction Materials Standards Institute, the British Asbestos Information Committee and Asbestosis Research Council, and similar groups in France, the Benelux countries, and Scandinavia.

AIA/NA Membership List

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