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Memorandum To: Members, AIA/NA Ad Hoc Committee on Construction

From: H. B. Rhodes, Cochairman, AIA/NA Ad Hoc Committee on Construction

Subject: First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee

This is to inform you that the first meeting of this Committee will be held in Washington, D.C. on August 12 and 13. It will start at 9:00 a.m. at the AIA/NA office at 1835 K Street, N.W. Please contact Mr. R. H. Mereness at 202-223-4885 if you need help with hotel reservations.

The formation of this Ad Hoc Committee was authorized recently by the Executive Committee of the AIA/NA. In simplest terms, its objective is to develop a valid, documentable, broad-based industry response to the proposed OSHA asbestos regulations for the Construction Industry. A copy of Mr. Gabrielson's letter that provides more details is attached for your information.

With regard to timing, the latest information from OSHA is that Research Triangle Institute will receive the contract for the government's inflationary impact statement. Estimated completion time is six months but could be shortened considerably if the government decides to sacrifice quality for speed. Such a six month period would conclude about the end of February, 1977. This study would be published by OSHA at the same time as a proposed rulemaking for construction with probably 45-60 days then allowed for comments. It seems prudent to plan at this time to target the completion of our study for the end of February, 1977 to allow some time for adjustments if they appear to be appropriate.

While six months may seem like a long time, our past experience with Weston (and that of OSHA with Consad) shows that this type of study is slow and difficult to put together. Accordingly we are currently trying to get the AIA/NA contractor selected and started by the early part of September. In order to do this our meeting in Washington must be a working session with some prior preparation by the participants.

The basic objectives for this meeting are shown in the attachment. Several of the committee members are investigating various aspects of the points listed and we expect to have helpful reports on August 12. It is also very desirable that each of you do some "homework" on number 6, identification of products and uses, as it applies to your particular area of knowledge. Also included is an information package covering possible alternative ways to utilize available statistical information in our study. The usefulness of this in our consultant's efforts will be the first point covered at the meeting. It is suggested that you look this over. Comments will be welcome.

We are very pleased to have you as a member of this Ad Hoc Committee and I am looking forward to meeting you in Washington.

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MEETING OBJECTIVES

AIA/NA Ad Hoc Committee for Construction

Washington, D.C., August 12 & 13

1. Select the approach to be used to relate the uses of asbestos-containing products with the statistical information available on the various components of the construction industry.

2. Define in detail the asbestos-containing products to be covered.

3. Rough draft of protocol for AIA/NA consultant's study.

4. Rough draft of questionnaire for consultant to use to collect information from the construction industry.

5. Discussion of consultants to be considered.

6. Identification in detail the asbestos products used in construction and the particular types of construction where such use occurs.

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