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SUBJECT: Report on ASTM Dust/Talc/Asbestos
Committee Meetings - (10/18-10/20)
Bal Harbour, Florida

TO: Dr. Semple

The work of committees developing methods which have a bearing on our powder businesses stands as follows:

Committee D22.05.03 - Particulate Matter

- 1) Method for Determining Inhalable Particles Ten Microns and Below in Indoor Environments

This is an offshoot of a similar method I directed through ASTM a couple of years ago. Only minor editorial changes were made last week in the final draft which will now go to balloting by the larger D22 committee.

There is no threat to our industry in this method. It no longer mentions talc as did earlier versions.

- 2) Article on Field Sampling & Analysis of Airborne Particles in Occupied Indoor Environments

This is a review article of various methods now available for measuring airborne dust.

It is to be published in the ASTM news edition in the next few months. It is a good review of current methods.

Committee D22.05.07 - Asbestos Methodology Task Group

There are four methods under development.

- 1) Phase Contrast Microscopy - Proposed by NIOSH
- 2) Polarized Light Microscopy - Proposed by Professor Wylie, University of Maryland

- o The above methods are in an advanced state. Dr. Thompson of R. T. Vanderbilt and I are the industry advisors on these methods.

- 3) Scanning Electron Microscopy - Proposed by National Bureau of Standards
- 4) Transmission Electron Microscopy - Proposed by Arthur Langer and J. Millet of McCrone

- o The above two methods are being adjusted to conform to recent changes in Asbestos regulations and are expected to be finalized in the next 5 months. It is too soon to decide whether any threats to our businesses will be involved.

Comments: The above work will be continued at the next meetings which are being planned for Toronto May 1988.

I have alerted our regulatory section to be on the lookout for an update on one of the asbestos proposed regulations which is due in the Federal Register in the next week or so.

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