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Subject: Re: draft abstracts for johnson

Hey Julie;

My apologies for use of the term "inadequate." I clearly wasn't thinking about it from that perspective, and that was not my intent. Thanks for removing it as it can be misconstrued as politically incorrect, which I do not want. It is just my opinion that the current methods are not as good as they can be, and can be improved upon for achieving lower detection limits and reproducibility.

The primary reason why I removed the word "construction" for the term "construction materials" is because the EPA and NIOSH bulk PLM methods for asbestos analysis are applied to a much wider spectrum of materials that are not limited to construction materials. Examples include soils, dusts, wipes, gaskets, friction materials, sludges, and on and on. With lack of material specific methods, the EPA 600, ELAP and NIOSH bulk methods have unfortunately become the "standard" for PLM analysis, despite the inadequacies that may be inherent for analysis of other materials. In all reality, the EPA method was specifically designed for insulation materials by McCrone Research Institute in the 70's-80's, and not much foresight was given to analysis of a broad range of materials. Thus revisions to the method, and Eric Chatfields big changes in the proposed ISO method. I do, however, completely understand the point you are trying to get across...that the method is really not the best possible for talc/talc products.

Your question about the sentence I inserted in paragraph is correct. I can see each method being applied for compliance for "regional" as well as possibly material specific cases, as well as how in depth a "client" may want to go to achieve quality control below a regulatory limit. Feel free to remove it from the abstract.

I like the revision to the first draft of abstract with your changes (green highlights). Please forward completed abstracts as submitted to Larry Pierce to my njlou1960@comcast.net

Thanks and have a great weekend.....

Lou

----- Original Message -----

From: Pier, Julie (RTM)
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Hi Lou and Gary,

Please see the attached document containing Lou's comments and see if you agree with the additional changes. In paragraph 2, I am trying to highlight that there is a difference between methods specific to construction building materials vs. those specific to talc, so I added that back in. It is also very important to my company that we don't call existing methods, which we are currently using to ensure product quality (i.e. USP), "inadequate." I liked your organization of that sentence, but added "need to be developed further" instead of "inadequate." Finally, I ask a question about a change you made in paragraph 3. We can discuss that further if you like.

Let me know what you think.

Thanks,

Julie

From: Login [mailto:login@iatl.com]
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Hey Julie, Gary;

I agree with Julies concept of abstract #2 being a good candidate for a poster session. Also, attached is the abstract forwarded with some suggestions for wording (in red) for reducing sentence lengths. I think the concluding sentence is fine as it is, or perhaps reverse the last and second to last sentences.

Lou

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Gary and Lou,

I think these two abstracts are fine (good job, Gary!). I have attached an update of the abstract I brought to San Antonio. I added a sentence about review of historical terms - any thoughts on that? Also, on the advice of our product safety person I toned down the references to USP and CTFA as being "inadequate" because we, as talc producers, tell our customers every day that USP compliance is adequate...! Good catch on that, I thought. I also took out the specific reference to sieves and added the more general statement about analyzing the largest size fraction, as it seemed a more overview way to say it. See what you think. I'd be open to a different concluding sentence if you can think of one.

I do worry that there might be too much overlap between paragraph 3 of abstract 1 and abstract 3. Gary, how do you see abstract 1 and 3 dovetailing? I agree that abstract 2 could be a poster session. Do you plan to submit it as such, or submit it as a presentation and seeing where they think it should go?

Let me know - I guess we need to submit today!

Thanks,

Julie

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Julie, Lou

please review Abstracts #2 and #3

please make changes and return; I will submit to Larry Pierce today-----while it would be nice to have our three/four abstracts presented in sequence

my preference would be to have at least Abstract #1 discussed during ASTM meeting and Abstract #3; while Abstract #2 could be poster

thanks

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