

MINUTES OF THE ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
AIR HYGIENE AND MANUFACTURING COMMITTEE

March 7th, 1957

IN ATTENDANCE WERE:

D. R. Holmes - Asten-Hill Mfg. Co.
E. D. Smith - Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
B. W. Luttenberger - Raybestos-Manhattan Inc.
J. W. Weber - American Asbestos Textile Corp.
A. E. May - Keasbey & Mattison Co.
W. C. Atkinson - Johns-Manville Corp.
J. L. Mitchell - Southern Asbestos Co.

MORNING SESSION

The first item for discussion was the "Memorandum on Proposed Epidemiological Study of Lung Cancer in Asbestos Workers" for the Asbestos Textile Institute.

This proposal had been under discussion for approximately one year and the cost of it could run from about \$17,000.00 to possibly \$30,000.00. After a lengthy discussion, the proposal was put to a vote and six of the eight members of the Committee voted against the continuance of the consideration of the proposal. It, therefore, was rejected for the following reasons.

1. It was decided that as the Q.A.M.A. has a similar program, we should not enter into a program of our own as the results of the Q.A.M.A. investigation will be made available to us upon the conclusion of that investigation.
2. There is a feeling among certain members that such an investigation would stir up a hornet's nest and put the whole industry under suspicion.
3. We do not believe there is enough evidence of cancer or asbestosis, or cancer and asbestosis, in this industry to warrant this survey.

The second item to be taken up was a "Memorandum regarding Environmental Dust Survey" for the Asbestos Textile Institute.

This survey would have cost in the vicinity of \$7500.00 to \$8,000.00, and it would have been part of the type survey made for the industry back in 1947. However, dust counts would only be taken and recommendations made. There would be little or no engineering information or data made available for such a survey due to its low cost.

After much discussion by the committee, a vote was taken on this survey and the entire committee voted against it as it was the opinion of the committee that we did not believe it to be of great enough value to justify the cost. It was our opinion that we can locate our own trouble spots involving high dust counts and correct them, and perhaps later on, we could