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Tremolite Committee, et al;

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(ex. Duecker and Locke --  
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Attachment: Agenda for Conference on  
Occupational Exposure  
to Fibrous and Particulate Dust  
December 4-7, 1977

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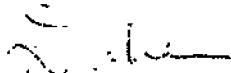
DATE: November 1, 1977

FROM: H. C. Duecker

SUBJECT: Conference on Occupational  
Exposure to Fibrous and  
Particulate Dust

CC:

The attached conference announcement was brought to my attention by Dr. Smith at Fairleigh Dickinson. Because of the broad range of pertinent technical information to be covered, I think the conference should be attended by more than one person. My suggestions are Bob Locke, Julie Yang and Dr. Borgstedt or two of these three.



H. C. Duecker

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I agree.

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**SOCIETY FOR OCCUPATIONAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

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**OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURES TO FIBROUS AND PARTICULATE DUST  
AND THEIR EXTENSION INTO THE ENVIRONMENT**

December 4-7, 1977

The Mayflower Hotel

Washington, D.C.

The Society for Occupational and Environmental Health will hold a conference on fibrous and particulate dust at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C., December 4-7, 1977. The conference, titled "Occupational Exposures to Fibrous and Particulate Dust and Their Extension into the Environment," is co-sponsored by the Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration.

Presentations by prominent scientists from the United States and abroad will be featured. Speakers will discuss their most current research findings on the health effects of fibrous materials, man-made fibers and particulate matter. Conference sessions will focus on mortality and morbidity patterns among occupationally-exposed populations, including mineral wool production workers, talc miners and millers, foundry workers, and asbestos workers. Consumer, family and environmental exposures will be considered.

The conference will also cover current concepts and theories on fiber pathogenicity with attention to the following fibers: tremolite, nemolite, zeolite, fiberglass and asbestos. The final conference session will deal with health implications and will feature discussion by representatives of governmental agencies with regulatory responsibilities. Because of the ubiquitous nature of fibrous and particulate dust, various agencies have such responsibility. These include the Environmental Protection Agency, the Mining Enforcement and Safety Administration, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Conference Co-Chairpersons are Mr. John Dement of the University of North Carolina and Mr. Richard Lomen of the University of Illinois. Located in Washington, D.C., SOEH is a nonprofit organization with membership from academia, government, industry, labor, and the public interest sector.

A preliminary program and a registration form are enclosed. Advance registration is recommended because of limited space. The SOEH Award Banquet must be subscribed in advance.

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December 4-7, 1977  
Sunday through Wednesday

The Mayflower Hotel  
Washington, D.C.

Sunday, December 4, 1977

5:30 P.M. RECEPTION AND CHECK-REGISTRATION FOR PARTICIPANTS AND ATTENDEES  
(Cash Bar)

Monday, December 5, 1977

8:00 A.M. REGISTRATION

9:00 A.M. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

- Greetings from SOEH and Scope of Conference
- Dr. Joseph Wagoner, Office of Ass't Secretary of Labor for OSHA
- Historical Perspectives on Inorganic Particles and Disease
- to be announced

9:30 A.M. SESSION I - FIBROUS MATERIALS IN THE OCCUPATIONAL AND NON-OCCUPATIONAL ENVIRONMENT

Moderator: - Dr. Fred Pooley, Dept. of Mineral Exploitation, Cardiff College

- Speakers:
1. The Nature of Fibrous Minerals in Man's Environment  
- Dr. Arthur Langer, Mt. Sinai School of Medicine
  2. An Overview of Inorganic Man Made Fibers in the Environment  
- Dr. Morton Corn, University of Pittsburgh

10:00 A.M. SESSION II - CURRENT CONCEPTS IN FIBER PATHOGENICITY

Moderator: - Dr. Raymond Shapiro, NIEHS, North Carolina

- Speakers:
- 3.-7. Speakers will address the following areas of research:  
relative carcinogenicity of fiber types; fiber size; shape factors; target organs; persorption and translocation of fibers, etc. Fibers to be discussed include tremolite, nonalite, zeolite, fiberglass and asbestos.
  - Dr. J.M.G. Davis, Institute of Occupational Medicine, Edinburgh
  - Dr. K.H. Friedrichs, University of Bunsoldorf
  - Dr. J.C. Wagner, MRC Pneumoconiosis Unit, Llandough Hosp., Wales
  - Other speakers to be confirmed

Panel Discussion: Dr. Fred Pooley, Dept. of Mineral Exploitation, Cardiff College  
Other discussants to be confirmed

Questions from the Audience

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## 2:30 P.M. SESSION III - EXPOSURES AND HEALTH EFFECTS OF ASBESTOS MINERALS

Moderator: - Dr. Irving Selikoff, Director, Environmental Sciences Laboratory,  
Mt. Sinai School of Medicine

- Speakers:
8. Morbidity and Mortality Among Asbestos Workers With Low Level Exposures  
- Richard Lemen, University of Chicago, School of Public Health
  9. Family Exposure to Asbestos and Subsequent Disease  
- Speaker to be confirmed
  10. Asbestos Disease and Smoking Patterns - An Overview  
- Speaker to be confirmed
  11. Factors Relevant to Occupational and Non-Occupational Asbestos Exposures  
- Dr. J. Bignon, Clinique de Pneumo-Physiologie, Paris
  12. Current Sources of Exposure to Asbestos  
- Speaker to be confirmed
  13. Indoor Pollution  
- Speaker to be confirmed

Panel Discussion: Dr. William Johnson, University of Washington, School of Public Health  
Other discussants to be confirmed

Questions from the Audience

## 7:00 P.M. RECEPTION AND GOEN AWARD BANQUET

Tuesday, December 6, 1977

## 8:30 A.M. SESSION IV - EXPOSURES AND HEALTH EFFECTS OF INORGANIC SYNTHETIC FIBERS AND FIBROUS MINERALS

Moderator: - Dr. Jon Kowzen, Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp.

- Speakers:
14. Mortality Patterns Among Mineral Wool Production Workers  
- Speaker to be confirmed
  15. Mortality Patterns and Occupational Exposures Among Mineral Wool Production Workers  
- Gregory O. Ness, NIOSH, Cincinnati
  16. Occupational Exposures to Attapulgitic Clay and Wollastonite-Fibrous Minerals  
- Ralph D. Zurwalde, NIOSH, Cincinnati
  17. Mortality Patterns Among Workers Exposed to Attapulgitic Clay  
- Richard Waxweiler, NIOSH, Cincinnati

Panel Discussion: Dr. Anders Englund, Chief Medical Officer, Bygghälsam, Sweden  
Other discussant to be confirmed

Questions from the Audience

## 10:45 A.M. SESSION V - TALCS CONTAMINATED WITH OTHER MINERALS

Moderator: - Dr. Joseph Wagoner, Office of Ass't Secretary of Labor for OSHA

- Speakers:
18. Occupational Exposures to Talcs Containing Asbestiform Minerals  
- John Dement, University of North Carolina, School of Public Health
  19. Respiratory Morbidity Among Miners and Millers of Asbestiform Talc  
- Speaker to be confirmed

## SESSION V (continued)

Monday, November 6, 1977

20. Mortality Patterns Among Miners and Millers of Asbestiform Talc  
- David Brown, NIOSH, Cincinnati
21. Talc and Stomach Cancer  
- Dr. Steve Blum, Occupational Health Studies Group, University of North Carolina

Panel Discussion: Discussants to be confirmed  
Questions from the Audience

Tuesday, December 6, 1977

1:00 P.M. LUNCH

2:30 P.M. SESSION VI - NON-FIBROUS TALC

Moderator: - Don Spatz, United Cement, Lime and Gypsum Workers

- Speakers:
22. Morbidity and Mortality Among Talc Miners and Millers in Italy  
- Dr. Giovanni Rubino, Institute of Occupational Medicine, Turin
  23. Occupational Exposures to Non-Asbestiform Talc in Vermont  
- Speaker to be confirmed
  24. Respiratory Morbidity Among Miners and Millers of Non-Asbestiform Talc  
- Dr. David Wegman, Harvard University School of Public Health
  25. Mortality Patterns Among Miners and Millers of Non-Asbestiform Talc  
- Sherry Selevan, NIOSH, Cincinnati
  26. Animal Model for Inhalation Exposure to Talc  
- Dr. J.C. Wagner, Pneumoconiosis Unit, Llandough Hospital, Wales
  27. Consumer Usage of Talc  
- Speaker to be confirmed

Panel Discussion: Dr. Hector Blejer, City of Hope Medical Center, California  
Other discussant to be confirmed

Questions from the Audience

5:30 P.M. ANNUAL SOEH BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, December 7, 1977

8:30 A.M. SESSION VII - NON-FIBROUS ORGANIC AND INORGANIC PARTICULATES

Moderator: - To be confirmed

- Speakers:
28. Canadian Foundry Study  
- Speaker to be confirmed
  29. Foundry Study  
- Speaker to be confirmed
  30. Occupational Studies in Finnish Foundries  
- Speaker to be confirmed
  31. Mortality Patterns Among Foundry Holders and Coremakers  
- Betsy Egan, NIOSH, Cincinnati
  32. Cancer and Respiratory Disease Risk Among Individuals in the Beryllium Cave Registry  
- Dr. Peter F. Infante, NIOSH, Cincinnati
  33. Cancer Mortality Among Workers in Beryllium Production Plants  
- Dr. T. F. Mancuso, University of Pittsburgh

Panel Discussion: Dr. Janette Sherman, Private Practitioner, Detroit  
Dr. J. William Lloyd, United Steelworkers of America  
Other discussant to be confirmed

Questions from the Audience

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11:30 A.M. LUNCH

Wednesday, December 7, 1977

1:00 P.M. SESSION VIII - HEALTH IMPLICATIONS AND GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Moderator: - To be confirmed

- Speakers:
- 34. OSHA Regulatory Action  
- OSHA Representative
  - 35. MESA Regulatory Action  
- Dr. Aarel Goodwin, Chief, Health Division, MESA, Dept. of Interior
  - 36. EPA Regulatory Action  
- Speaker to be confirmed
  - 37. Consumer Protection and the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC)  
- Speaker to be confirmed
  - 38. FDA and Regulations Concerning Talc and Asbestos  
- Speaker to be confirmed
  - 39. International Implications of Fibrous Materials - Export and Import Problems  
- Barry Castleman, Office of Technology Assessment, U.S. Congress

Panel Discussion: Discussants to be confirmed

Questions from the Audience

3:45 P.M. CONFERENCE SUMMATION BY CONFERENCE CHAIRPERSONS

- John Dement, University of North Carolina, School of Public Health
- Richard Lemen, University of Illinois, School of Public Health

## CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Conference Cochairpersons: Mr. John Dement and Mr. Richard Lemen

Mr. Donald Spatz  
United Cement, Lime & Gypsum  
Workers

Dr. Jon Konzen  
Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp.

Dr. Paul Kotin  
Johns-Manville Corp.

Mr. Bert Cottine  
OSHA, Dept. of Labor

Dr. J. William Lloyd  
United Steelworkers of America

Dr. Lawrence Pluzka  
Environmental Protection Agency

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed:

- Registration Fee for SOEH Members \$10.00
- (Covers coffee & miscellaneous expenses)
- Registration Fee for Non-Members \$40.00
- Special Student Registration \$15.00
- SOEH Award Banquet, Monday, December 5, 1977  
(Advance subscription only - includes dinner, cocktail & gratuities)
- Members \$25.00
- Guests and Non-Members \$50.00

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Advance registration is requested.  
Please mail this form with your check to:

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 1714 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036  
 Telephone: (202) 785-3177

\*\*\* No Registration Fees will be refunded after November 28, 1977 \*\*\*

Hotel Reservations: A block of rooms has been reserved at The Mayflower Hotel. Contact the hotel directly for your own room reservation. Be sure to specify that you are attending the SOEH conference on Fibrous and Particulate Dust.

The Mayflower Hotel  
 1127 Connecticut Avenue, N.W.  
 Washington, D.C. 20036  
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Rates: Singles \$38, \$44  
 Twin/Double \$50, \$56

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28 October 1977

Dr. Heyman C. Duecker  
Vice President - Research  
Construction Products Division  
W.R. Grace & Company  
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Dear Dr. Duecker:

Just received the enclosed announcement of a meeting about fibrous dusts on 4-7 December in Washington.

It is curious to note that tremolite is listed in first place among fibers to be discussed in an opening session (Session II).

Very likely, tremolite will be featured in Papers 18-27, which concern talc, perhaps also in Papers 34-39, which concern regulatory actions.

Sincerely,

William E. Smith, M.D.  
Director  
Health REsearch Institute

Enclosure

cc: Dr. J. Yang

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