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April 5, 1978

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PRESIDING: Chairman Byington

PRESENT: Commissioner Franklin
Commissioner Pittle
Commissioner King
Commissioner Sloan

ITEM:

Discussion of report prepared by Environmental Sciences Laboratory, (ESL) Mount Sinai School of Medicine of the City University of New York on the presence of chrysotile asbestos in air samples in and around certain residences and schools in Puerto Rico constructed of asbestos cement panels.


DECISION:

The Commission met with Dr. William Nicholson, the author of the ESL report prepared under contract with the Commission, and with Dr. Jorge Chiriboga, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Affairs, Puerto Rico, to discuss the ESL report submitted to the Commission for review. It appears that additional study is necessary to verify the results of the original study, to identify the source of asbestos contamination reported in the study, and to determine the range of circumstances under which asbestos fibers might be released into the air. Therefore, the Commission in conjunction with the Department of Health in Puerto Rico agrees to fund further study by Dr. Nicholson on asbestos contamination in and around houses and schools in Puerto Rico constructed of asbestos cement panels.

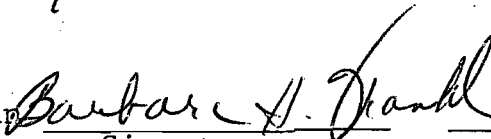
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VOTE:

Concurring: Chairman Byington

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