Chrysotile Asbestos

Fact #1: Asbestos is a regulated carcinogen.

Fact #2: There are 6 fibrous minerals that are currently regulated as “asbestos:”
   chrysotile, amosite, crocidolite, tremolite, actinolite and anthophyllite

Fact #3: Chrysotile is the most common variety of asbestos found in products in the United States.
   - It is the most abundant asbestos variety on earth.

Fact #4: Chrysotile asbestos has been a significant contributor to asbestos-related illness and death to the US and worldwide workforce.

Fact #5: There is sufficient evidence to conclude that ALL FORMS of asbestos, including chrysotile, are carcinogenic and are responsible for asbestos-related lung cancer, mesothelioma, laryngeal and ovarian cancers.

The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has confirmed that there is sufficient evidence (IARC Group 1) that all forms of asbestos can cause cancer in humans.

Special interest groups ranging from chrysotile asbestos producer nations to major industry sectors, are lobbying to have the exposure risk to chrysotile asbestos devalued compared to other asbestos varieties (amphiboles). This has to do with commerce, not defensible science. The USEPA, OSHA, World Health Organization (WHO) and International Labour Organization (ILO) say there is “no known safe level of exposure”...to asbestos...of any type.

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