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## **ADAO Announces Launch of Powerful Video featuring Capitol Hill Tunnel Supervisor John Thayer**

### ***Video Serves as Foundation for Up and Coming Asbestos Awareness Internet TV Channel***

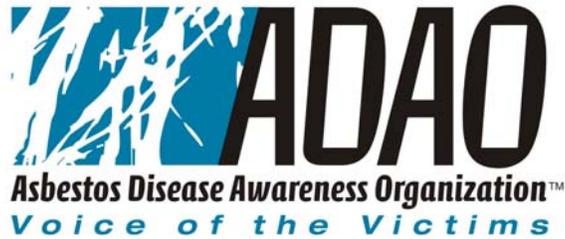
**Washington, DC ...April 19, 2007 ---** The Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO), an organization dedicated to serving as the voice of asbestos victims, today announced the online launch of a powerful video featuring John Thayer, Supervisor of the Capitol Power Plant Tunnel Crew for the Architect of the Capitol, based on John's presentation at the 2007 Asbestos Awareness Day Conference in Philadelphia on March 31. The video shows detailed and revealing pictures of asbestos dust and environmental hazards within the Capitol Hill tunnels where John and his crew work. John has been a leading advocate for justice and increased safety for tunnel workers and this video is an important educational resource to help in stopping the spread of asbestos related diseases.

The video, which can be viewed at <http://channels.zeeltv.com/adao2007.aspx> is the first of the ADAO Asbestos Awareness Day Conference videos to be made available online. More videos will be added to the site, and will serve as the foundation for an up and coming asbestos awareness internet TV channel dedicated to education and awareness about asbestos related diseases.

"My crew maintains the five miles of underground utility tunnels that supply heat and cooling to all of Congress and some 20 other federal office buildings on Capitol Hill," stated John Thayer Supervisor of the Capitol Power Plant Tunnel Crew for the Architect of the Capitol (AOC). "The tunnels are a tough place to work. Temperatures get up to 160 degrees, big slabs of concrete fall from the ceilings, and the cramped passages are thick with welding fumes, pulverized asbestos and concrete dust. We know from personal experience the lethal danger that asbestos presents because we have worked in and breathed asbestos for decades, and are now beginning to suffer the health consequences. The Architect of the Capitol knew, but didn't tell us, that the concentration of airborne asbestos in the tunnels was extremely toxic - 30 to 40 times the legal limit. We need to make sure that people know the truth."

"ADAO applauds John Thayer for his brave and honest effort to educate the public about the truth regarding asbestos in the Capitol Hill tunnels. It is amazing that any employer tries to get away with an asbestos cover up these days and still more amazing when the employer is Congress," according to Linda Reinstein, Executive Director and Co-founder of the Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization. "We are excited about the opportunity to tell John's story so that others may be able to learn from his unfortunate and preventable experiences. With this video and the coming launch of an online TV channel dedicated to asbestos awareness and education, we hope to be able to utilize the Internet as a powerful resource for spreading the word about the dangers of this deadly fiber, and hopefully prevent future tragedies."

The occurrence of asbestos-related diseases, including mesothelioma, lung cancer and asbestosis, is growing out of control. Studies estimate that during the next decade, 100,000 victims in the United States will die of an asbestos related disease – equaling 30 deaths per day.



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**About Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization**

*Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO)* was founded by asbestos victims and their families in 2004. ADAO seeks to give asbestos victims a united voice to help ensure that their rights are fairly represented and protected, and raise public awareness about the dangers of asbestos exposure and the often deadly asbestos related diseases. ADAO is funded through voluntary contributions and staffed by volunteers. For more information visit [www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org](http://www.asbestosdiseaseawareness.org).

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