“United for Asbestos Disease Awareness, Education, Advocacy, Prevention, Support and a Cure.”

Meeting Dedicated to:

Warren Zevon

Grammy Award Winning Artist

Mesothelioma Victim

1947 – 2003

Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization (ADAO) was founded by asbestos victims and their families in 2004. ADAO seeks to give asbestos victims and concerned citizens a united voice to raise public awareness about the dangers of asbestos exposure. ADAO is the largest independent organization dedicated to preventing asbestos-related diseases through education and legislation. ADAO’s mission includes supporting global advocacy and advancing asbestos awareness, prevention, early detection, treatment, and resources for asbestos-related disease.
Top 10 Reasons to Ban Asbestos Now

1. Asbestos is a known human carcinogen.
2. The United States and Canada are the last two industrial nations not to ban asbestos. More than 50 countries have banned asbestos as of January 2010.
3. The World Health Organization (WHO) indicates that there are approximately 125 million people in the world who are exposed to asbestos in the workplace.
4. More than 10,000 Americans die each year from exposure to asbestos and the number is rising. It is projected that in the next decade asbestos diseases will kill at least 100,000 Americans alone.
5. Once airborne, microscopic asbestos fibers can be carried hundreds of miles away from its source.
6. Inhaling or swallowing asbestos fibers can cause permanent and irreversible damage to vital organs. Asbestos fibers can cause asbestosis, lung and gastrointestinal cancers, and an aggressive cancer called mesothelioma. Mesothelioma patients’ average life expectancy is six - twelve months.
7. Asbestos remains a consumer threat today. ADAO’s 2007 Product Testing Report revealed 5 products were contaminated with asbestos, including a child’s toy.
8. Asbestos diseases have a long latency period from initial exposure to development of disease from 50 years or longer; are difficult to diagnose as it mimics other ailments; difficult to treat, often incurable and frequently deadly.
9. The World Health Organization (WHO), International Labor Organization (ILO), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Acting U.S. Surgeon General state that there is no safe level of exposure to asbestos.
10. Asbestos has been mined and used in a broad range of products, materials, and applications including but not exclusive to construction, insulation, shipyards, and many other industries.
The U.S. Surgeon General, WHO, EPA and ILO agree:

“Asbestos is a human carcinogen and there is no safe level of exposure.”

ADAO Public Policy:
- Testified before the EPW full Senate Committee, 2007
- Testified before the EHM House Subcommittee, 2008
- 4th White House Meeting with Domestic Policy Counsel
- 5th Annual Asbestos Awareness Resolutions declaring the first National Asbestos Week

ADAO Presentations:
- American Public Health Association (APHA), 2008 and 2009
- Keynote, Environment Information Association (EIA), 2007, 2008, and 2009
- Asian Asbestos Conference, Hong Kong, China, 2009
- Keynote, National Asbestos Conference, South Africa, 2008
- International Mesothelioma Interest Group (IMIG), Amsterdam, 2008
- House of Representative Sub-Committee Staff Briefing, 2008
- Keynote, Environment Information Association (EIA), NM and NA, 2007 and 2008
- Asian Asbestos Conference, Bangkok, Thailand, 2006
- Global Asbestos Congress, Tokyo, Japan, 2004

**U.S. Senate Resolution 57 (Excerpt)**
Designating the first week of April 2009 as ‘National Asbestos Awareness Week’.

Resolved, That the Senate urges the Surgeon General, as a public health issue, to warn and educate people that asbestos exposure may be hazardous to their health.

ADAO Education Initiatives:
- 6 Annual International Asbestos Awareness Conferences
- ADAO Product Testing (Phase I): revealed 4 consumer products and 1 toy were contaminated with asbestos, 2007
Asbestos Disease Awareness Organization

Patients and Families

American Public Health Association

Labor Unions

Medical Institutions

Business

Environmental Information Association (EIA)

Political Leaders

Health and Safety Directors

Scientists and Doctors

Industrial Hygienists

International Ban Asbestos Secretariat (IBAS)

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