

Symposium Questions

The following questions highlight general topics which are pertinent for discussion at the breakout sessions. Moderators of the 3 sessions will develop and ask questions at the symposium based on these topics.

1. Considering the characteristics of fibers (e.g. length, width, aspect ratio, morphology), what criteria should be used in assessing if talc or a talc-containing product tests positive for asbestos fibers?
2. What general techniques and published test methods should be considered for the identification of asbestos fibers in talc containing products? (i.e., methods for sample preparation, as well as instrumentation needed to make an assessment.)
3. How are the terms “asbestiform” and “cleavage fragment” relevant to categorize populations of fibers detected in the testing of talc?
- 4- Which unit of quantitation (weight or number of fibers) and what measurement criteria should be used to express the amount of asbestos in talc and talc containing products?
- 5- What standard(s) should be developed for use to assess the presence of asbestos in talc-containing products? This can include reference materials as well as methodology.