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The Resources and Technical Services Division's (RTSD) Reproduction of Library Materials Section (RLMS) Standards Committee continues to be very concerned about the urgent need for completion of standards for diazo and vesicular films. These standards are currently being developed by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Committee PH1-3.

The concern of these ALA Committees stems from the fact that non-silver films for which no standards of permanence and durability exist, are being increasingly used for materials being added to the permanent collections of research libraries.

At the 1975 Annual Conference, the RTSD Resources Section Micropublishing Committee and RLMS Standards Committee issued a joint resolution recommending that:

Libraries buy for their permanent collections only microfilms (such as silver halide film) for which standards for archival permanence have been established by recognized standards organizations, and that this recommendation be published widely in the library literature.

At ALA's Annual Conference last June, the committees reaffirmed this resolution and urged:

that ANSI Committee PH1-3 move with dispatch to complete its assignment by the end of this calendar year.