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RE: THE PIGMENTATION OF ASBESTOS FIBER

Local Publication

Attached is a recent article in the Manville News which is similar to those that have appeared elsewhere in the last week on the hazards of asbestos dust. Dr. Borow and his brother ran a "shady" hospital in Bound Brook, which was eventually shut-down and they were not granted a permit to rebuild. People who worked there have no respect for him.

The J-M plant union, I am told, has consistently pushed this type of publicity and also has made numerous requests to OSHA for inspections of the Manville plant. They are now urging OSHA to make inspections of other companies in the vicinity that utilize asbestos in their operations.

Clothing

Socks, coveralls, jackets and pants made from spun bonded polyolefin are purchased by J-M from Texier H. Glove Co. Inc., U.S. Highway 22, North Plainfield, New Jersey. These garments are produced by Worklon in Huntington, Long Island, New York, and for some reason the direct price from them is higher than the distributor in Plainfield.

Asbestos Level Dust Control

It is believed that asbestos levels can be controlled to the 5 fiber limit. It is claimed that reduction below 2 is impractical in some operations and the method of measurement is not sufficiently accurate to justify consistent control at this value. Work areas where the count is 3 fibers per cc appear to be crystal clear to the naked eye in normal light. J-M uses a high intensity light beam unit to scan work areas for a quick determination of dust levels.

For the Manufacturing Managers, I am enclosing a copy of the Asbestos Research Council's pamphlet on, "The Measurement of Airborne Asbestos Dust by the Membrane Filter Method" which is specified by OSHA.

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