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The asbestos air samples taken in the "L" Building on January 24,1973 during the cutting of asbestos cloth with hand shears and folding the cloth several times have not exceeded the maximum allowable limits for peak concentrations or an eight-hour average. Since asbestos cloth varies considerably with respect to the amount of fiber that can be created in the air above it during handling, it is desirable to obtain a sample of several square feet from the California operations to do further air sampling.

We found excessive ceiling concentrations of asbestos fiber by a factor of two when the asbestos cloth was torn by hand. This frequently occurs in an operation when people are removing a section of cloth from a roll of asbestos cloth.

An effort should still be made for finding a substitute if possible.

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