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In replying
address the Surgeon General
U. S. Public Health Service

February 23, 1949

Mr. William Z. Fluck
Industrial Hygiene Division
Wisconsin State Board of Health
State Office Building
1 West Wilson Street
Madison 2, Wisconsin

Through: Dr. Carl W. Neupert
State Health Officer

Dear Mr. Fluck:

The sample of settled dust which you submitted with
your letter of January 18, 1949 has been analyzed with the
following results:

<u>Lab. No.</u>	<u>Field Identification</u>	<u>Free Silica</u>	<u>Asbestos</u>
12915	Settled dust from cutting of K-10	13 %	(See note)*

* There are a number of chemically different minerals which
are included under the general classification of asbestos. To
analyze for each of these would be a considerable task. In-
stead a combined microscopic and chemical procedure has been
used to approximate the asbestos content of the sample. There
is more than 5% and probably less than 12% of asbestos in this
sample. Chrysotile is by far the principal mineral in com-
mercial grades of asbestos, but is was not significantly present
in this sample.

Very truly yours,

D. E. Byers, Scientist
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