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HANDLING, REMOVING, REPAIRING OR DISPOSING OF ASBESTOS INSULATION

A General Plant procedure covering Asbestos Dust Control is presently in review and will be issued in the near future. This procedure will set forth the practices and precautions to be observed, consistent with "OSHA" requirements.

During the interim the following rules should be observed when working with asbestos insulation and like materials to overcome dust hazards involved.

1. Wet down asbestos insulation to be removed and continue wetting down during removal, where practical.

2. Wear a respirator (Bureau of Mines approved Dustfoe BM-21-66 Model should be used):

   - When removing insulation where it is impractical to wet down, such as hot steam lines.
   - When cutting, sawing, shaping insulation with hand tools and wetting down is impractical.
   - When emptying waste containers, cleaning floors, equipment, etc. where wetting down is impractical.

3. Disposal of asbestos waste and scrap is to be made in "ASBESTOS" dumpsters that have been placed in strategic locations throughout the plant. These dumpsters are painted an alert orange and prominently marked "FOR ASBESTOS SCRAP ONLY." The procedure is:

   - Asbestos waste and scrap are to be placed in plastic bags, tied, and labeled with special caution tags at the time it is put in the Dumpster. Plastic bags (Cat. No. 02-61-48-001) and Caution tags (Cat. No. 02-84-45-007) are available in Stores.
   - Where an asbestos dumpster is not available, Transportation is to be called to haul the waste to one of the appropriate asbestos dumpsters after it is properly bagged and tagged.

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3. Disposal of asbestos waste (Continued)

- On occasion, as determined by supervision, special containers other than dumpsters may be used to dispose of asbestos scrap providing it is properly identified, dampened down and covered or else bagged and tied (and properly labeled).
- Asbestos waste is not to be placed in dumpsters other than those marked for this specific purpose.
- All asbestos waste is to be disposed of in the solid waste fill area --- it is not to be burned with other waste.

4. Hygienic rules to be observed:

- Materials that are placed in the mouth, such as food, gum and tobacco should not be carried on the person or consumed in an area where asbestos dust is present.
- Work clothes, contaminated with asbestos dust, should be dusted off prior to coffee-break, lunch and quitting time (wear a respirator when doing this).

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