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Trip Report - Pittsburgh Corning
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Attended meeting at Pittsburgh-Corning Plant in Port Allegany, Pa., on Sept. 7, 1971, to discuss upcoming Medical Study of the Plant, which is to be started Sept. 13, 1971. Those in attendance included:

- (1) Eugene W. Holman -- Vice-president, Technology & Manufacturing, Pittsburgh-Corning Corp.
- (2) Carl Old -- Works Manager - Port Allegany Plant of Pittsburgh-Corning Corp.
- (3) Dick Murry -- Personnel Manager - Port Allegany, Pa., Pittsburgh-Corning Plant.
- (4) George Gregory -- Safety Director - Pittsburgh-Corning, Port Allegany, Pa.
- (5) Charlie Croop -- President, Local Union 1019.
- (6) Dr. Tanaka -- Penn. Dept. of Environmental Resources.
- (7) James L. Woodring -- Penn. Dept. of Environmental Resources.
- (8) Dr. Lee Grant -- Medical Consultant, Pittsburgh-Corning Corp.
- (9) Dr. William Johnson -- National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health.
- (10) David L. Bayliss -- National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health.
- (11) Richard Lemen -- National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health.
- (12) William Parkus -- Personnel, P. F. C.

Discussion was carried out concerning the past Environmental Surveys at the Plant and it was pointed out that due to these high fiber counts the Medical Survey was necessary to evaluate

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the current medical status of the workers in the Plant. It was decided to examine the entire plant population, which would be approximately 400 employees.

The Plant now has discontinued the use of Amosite Asbestos and is working on developing a new process using metallic wool in place of Asbestos. There is, however, about two months supply of Amosite which the Plant plans to use beginning sometime in the next few weeks.

A variance has been applied for by Pittsburgh-Corning Corp. for both the Port Allegany Plant and the Tyler, Texas Plant through the Department of Labor. This would allow the Plant to operate for the next year under the conditions of the variance, of which I have a copy on file, using Asbestos. No approval has been given by the Department of Labor as of this meeting.

After lunch a tour of the Plant was given through the Asbestos operations, the warehouse, foanglass operation, polyurethane operation and Glass Block operation.

The Plant required us to wear respirators in the Asbestos area. A new ventilation system was installed in the Asbestos section in October, 1970. This system covers all areas except the sawing area. The possibility of silica exposure exists in the foam glass area and the mixing area for foam glass. Silica dust was about $\frac{1}{2}$ inch deep on ledges around the mixing and glass grinding area of the foam glass plant. Heat exposure also is a major problem in the glass block and foam glass operation. The polyurethane area was quite dusty and the ventilation system didn't seem too effective, especially where the hot cutting operation of polyurethane was done. We did not observe the foaming operation as it is done only once a day and had been completed prior to our visit.

At 3:30 P.M. a meeting with the same plant officials and the Union was held to explain the purpose of the upcoming Medical Survey. The members of the Union present were in addition to Mr. Croop, the President.

- (1) Elmer McQuillin --Vice-president
- (2) Gerald Boorum --Financial Secretary
- (3) Louis R. Duell --Corresponding & Recording Secretary
- (4) James E. Lathrop --Chief Committeeman

They felt plant wide participation would be good in the study, with only a few declining.

The Union members also brought out another problem concerning lead oxide exposure in the block painting area.

TDI exposure also exists in the foaming operation of the polyurethane manufacture.

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