

August 5, 1974

Mr. William S. McLaughlin, Executive Secretary
Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission
1825 "K" Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20006

Re: Secretary of Labor v. Amoco Oil Company
Dkt. No. 4804

Dear Mr. McLaughlin:

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The Authorized Employee Representative and the Secretary of Labor hereby join in requesting the Commission order an expedited proceeding in the above-captioned case. The Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers International Union has been granted party status in the above.

Employees at the Amoco Oil Company oil refinery in Casper, Wyoming are exposed daily to airborne asbestos fibers, a proven carcinogen. The citation which OSHA issued alleges, inter alia, that Amoco had failed to maintain external surfaces free of accumulation of asbestos fibers, at several locations. Any delay in enforcing thoroughly the requirements of the standard will lead to further exposure of workers to this hazard, and to material impairment of their health. This is a subject of immediate concern.

During the course of this review proceeding, the Review Commission may not compel abatement of the hazard at Respondent's workplace. (29 USC 659(b)(1970) Therefore, human exposure to this dangerous carcinogen may continue for as long as the decision is pending.

The Amoco refinery at Casper was first inspected in August, 1973, almost a full year ago. Eleven months have passed since the citation was issued in September, 1973. During that time, objective control measures to control

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workers' exposure to asbestos have not been implemented, and workers continue to be exposed to the risk of excessive asbestos exposure.

Finally, the decision in this case will affect all other cases involving compliance with the asbestos standard now pending before the Review Commission as well as future enforcement efforts with regard to the asbestos standard.

In light of the adverse effect any delay in this case may have on the workers exposed, and the importance of the rapid resolution of the legal issues involved in the case, we respectfully request that expedited proceedings be ordered for the above-captioned case.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that one copy of this request for Expedited Proceedings has been served by certified first class mail postage prepaid, return receipt requested, upon the following representative at the address indicated.

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