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Subject INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE SURVEY-WAUKEGAN
YOUR LETTER JUNE 7, 1976

Thanks very much for your letter of June 7 commenting upon the Industrial Hygiene survey January through March and my letter of April 26. It appears that we are in basic agreement regarding the outcome of the survey. Pursuing the actions you have enumerated should go a long way toward reducing your exposures to well below the threshold limit values.

1. Commenting on station D-29R, you speculate that talc fibers may have been counted as asbestos. This is entirely possible and also proper. As I believe you know, many if not most, talcs have a fiberous content which is generally considered to be tremolite. Tremolite is one of the many types of asbestos and is by Federal law counted just the same as we would count chrysotile or crocidolite.

Thanks for your explanation of the differences between stations D-10SR and D-12SR. I agree that no valid comparison can be made between these two locations even although they are physically very close.

Evidently, we are both still puzzled with regard to the results obtained at station D-16P, the General Air Sample between the two beaters at #2 Paper Machine. When you have identified the problem, please let me know what it is. I believe there is something we must learn here and which may be of use in future asbestos exposure identification.

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