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DAVENPORT WORKS

TO: MESSRS. L. T. LETSINGER AND S. H. BENNETT

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT AL-283

RE: INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Industrial Hygiene Committee was held on September 24, 1958. The following attended: J. H. Lowry; G. A. Decker; H. H. Hannah; B. L. Tiedemann; F. H. Huyette; B. D. Kent; R. H. Hansen; Dr. L. V. Cralley, Pittsburgh Office; and D. M. Nystrom.

The meeting opened with a discussion of the noise suppression program now in operation at the slitters. Dr. Cralley pointed out that incidence of loss of hearing claims is becoming more prevalent. The setting up of some type of audio testing program to be incorporated into the pre-employment physical was mentioned by Mr. Huyette. This matter has been under consideration in Pittsburgh for some time and will probably be put into use some time in the future.

Three cases of accidental chlorine inhalation were reported to Medical since the last meeting. One of these men came down with a serious case of jaundice following his exposure. It was felt by the employee that the chlorine inhalation was the precipitating cause of his condition. Inquiries were sent to Pittsburgh and on to the Public Health Service. We received an answer to our inquiry from the Department of Public Health and Welfare which stated, "have been unable to find any reference even suggesting a casual relationship between exposure to elemental chlorine gas and jaundice." Copies of this letter have been distributed to all parties concerned. The man is now making good progress toward recovery.

Dr. Cralley filled us in on the problems encountered in the production and handling of X2020 alloy. Mr. Hannah raised a question as to the procedure for disposal of X2020 waste. Mr. Tiedemann will review the present procedures. Dr. Cralley pointed out the problems we may encounter in the repair of the furnaces used on X2020 alloy. He recommended that we use some type of dust respirators for

repair work inside the furnaces. The Chemical Laboratory has received several complaints as to the taste of the drinking water in various areas throughout the plant. No information is available at this time, but the problem will be discussed with A. A. Aerni and any information received will be passed on to the committee at a later date.

Mr. R. H. Hansen brought the committee up-to-date on the modifications now in progress on the laminator. Ventilators are to be installed over the solvent pan at the entry side of the laminator to relieve the atmospheric buildup of solvent fumes. It is anticipated that these modifications will be used on the new machine also.

Dr. Cralley pointed out a hazard involved in the thermal decomposition of Pydrol that might be encountered in welding operations here at Davenport. It was suggested that where welding of hydraulic equipment is necessary a respirator of some type be used.

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