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Paper on Exposure during Brake Lining Maintenance and Repair

July 15, 1976

-To: Asbestos Study Committee

Subject: Mount Sinai (Dr. A. N. Rohl) Paper: "Asbestos Exposure
during Brake Lining Maintenance and Repair"

On February 6, 1976, I advised the Asbestos Study Committee that I had received a paper entitled "Asbestos exposure during brake lining maintenance and repair" from Dr. A. N. Rohl of Mount Sinai. You may refer to my February 6, 1976 covering letter.

I have now received from Dr. Rohl copies of page proofs of that article as it will appear, Dr. Rohl believes, in the August 1976 issue of Environmental Research.

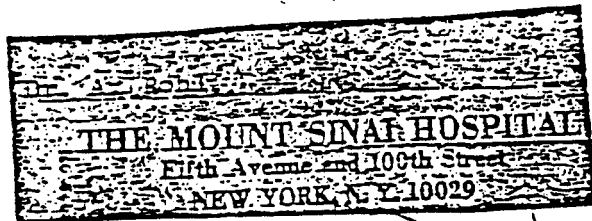
This is essentially the same paper presented by Dr. Rohl at the May 1974 meeting of the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH). It has been up-dated and expanded to include papers in 1974-75 for reference.

In reviewing this, I do not believe his figures include fiber counts of asbestos longer than 5 microns on an 8 hour time weighted average (TWA) basis. The emphasis continues to be turning to asbestos fibers shorter than 5 microns and their measurement by other than optical microscopy.

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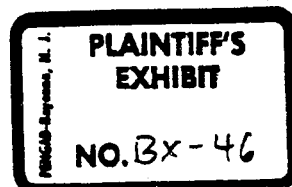


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Dear Mr. DiStane:

Dr. Selikoff has
asked me to send
you the results of
our asbestos fiber counts
during brake repair work.
Please contact me if
I can be of further
assistance

Sincerely
Arthur H. Hall
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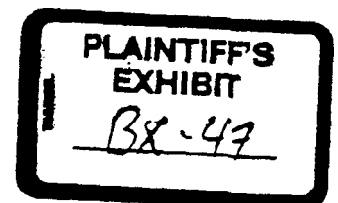
Advance of Mt. Sinai School of Medicine
Article on Brake Lining Maintenance and
Repair

Attached galley proof of article prepared by Mt. Sinai School of Medicine (N.Y.) staff and scheduled to appear in the August issue Environmental Research and Gynecologic Oncology is forwarded as a matter of interest.

This study was cited as the primary reference for the NIOSH "alert" issued August 1975 (distributed to members) calling attention to potential health hazards to workers exposed to asbestos dust during servicing of brake and clutch assemblies. The "alert" received nation-wide publicity. Ed Drislane, executive director, Friction Materials Standards Institute, was advised by Dr. Selikoff that the brake lining repair aspect of the asbestos-health question "is going to become a major project." We are seeing increasing evidence to substantiate that remark. Mr. Drislane's memorandum on subject to FMSI, asbestos study committee is also attached.

Attention is invited to the AIA/NA leaflet, "Asbestos and Brake Linings" and the apparent need to review this publication in the interests of current and positive addressal to subject. Your comments will be appreciated.


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