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PLAINTIFF'S  
EXHIBIT  
BRK-25

Ms. Judy Spencer  
Legal Department  
Industrial Commission of Ohio  
246 North High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: OD 30461-22  
Employer: Inland Div. - G.M.  
Employee: Emmett Montgomery

Dear Ms. Spencer:

Emmett Montgomery is a 66 year old man who has worked at Inland Division of GM for approximately 25 years. During that time, he has worked at several jobs in 2 different buildings. One of the buildings is no longer in use and operations have changed considerably in the past several years.

Mr. Montgomery claims to have been exposed to asbestos in the early years (62 - 64). He did not ever work directly in the brake lining department, but claims that he worked close by and was therefore exposed to asbestos. He also thinks that asbestos was used in the areas where he worked - that is in the weatherstripping and seat-making departments.

It is possible that Mr. Montgomery received some incidental exposures to asbestos since he worked in the general area of the brake-lining operation. In fact his own testimony shows that the brake line was some distance away from his own work area.

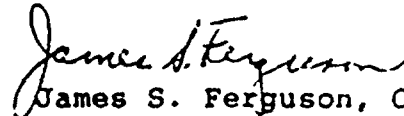
No asbestos is used in the manufacture of weatherstripping or seats, so it is very unlikely that any asbestos exposures

isocyanate connection to the claimant's problem. The asbestosis diagnosis is based upon pulmonary function and X-ray information which is not wholly conclusive. There are a number of other respiratory diseases, some not occupationally-related which share some of the same signs and symptoms as asbestos-related disease.

In summary, it is unlikely that asbestos exposures are a significant part of this claimant's problem. He has been a smoker, and there have been other chemical exposures. It seems more likely that these agents caused the problem.

If I may be of further assistance in this claim, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
James S. Ferguson, CIH  
Industrial Hygienist

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