



intra-company correspondence

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subject INTERROGATORIES RECEIVED
IN ASBESTOS LITIGATION

cc:

This is in reply to your intracompany correspondence dated February 12, 1981, same subject.

Asbestos containing Kaylo did contain free crystalline silica during the manufacturing of the product. After the product had been autoclaved, the free crystalline silica content of the finished Kaylo was extremely low. The primary exposure would have been to asbestos dust not free crystalline silica in the finished product.

Depending on the way the finished Kaylo product was cut or handled would determine the size of the particles of silica in any dust produced. However, it would be reasonable to believe that there would have been some respirable sized particles present. Again it must be emphasized that the silica exposure hazard would have been minimal.

Owens-Corning Fiberglas did, in the late 40's and early 50's, conduct research on asbestos containing Kaylo. This was published in approximately 1955 in, I believe, the Journal of the Archives of Environmental Health. The work was done at Saranac Lake and copies of the study and correspondence on the study were obtained from Saranac Lake in conjunction with other asbestos litigation. This information would have also dealt with silica dust exposure. However, it must be remembered that the main thrust of that investigation was to discover if there was an asbestos hazard.

This study was not carried out in humans but in laboratory animals.

We conduct industrial hygiene sampling in our facilities where silica is a potential health concern. However, we have never carried out any research studies, per se, on silica.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

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