I worked for P.C. then, but I feel fine. Why should I have medical tests?

Symptoms of asbestos disease generally do not become very noticeable until 20 years have gone by since the first exposure. But the time to start controlling the problem is now.

I worked for P.C. then, but I never came near the asbestos. Do I need this program?

Yes. The Mount Sinai examinations showed that there may be health effects even if you were not aware of being exposed. In fact, almost half of such people had chest x-ray abnormalities.

How much will this program cost me?

There will be no charges for the program. Normal medical care, naturally, will not be covered by the program and should be obtained from your family physician as always. If the program tests show any abnormalities, these also should be taken care of by the doctor of your choice.

How long do I need to be in this program?

Medical research shows that you should be in this program for the rest of your life.

I only worked at P.C. for a few weeks. Do I need these tests?

Yes.

I've heard that there is nothing that can be done about asbestos once you've got it in your body. Is this true?

No. Much can be done to protect people's health even though the asbestos remains in their bodies.

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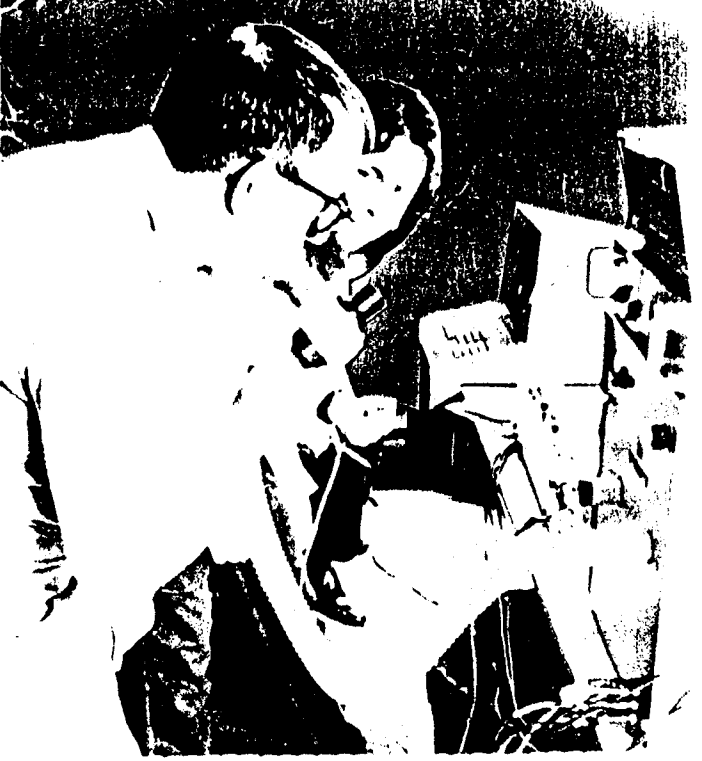
We want you and your family to participate in this program. Contact the office *now* for more information.

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Port Allegany Asbestos Health Program

[illegible] American Flint Glass Workers Union and Local 106 have reached agreement with the Pittsburgh Corning Corporation to organize the Port Allegany Asbestos Health Program. This community program will help workers and their families deal with health problems that result from contact with asbestos. Special medical examinations and health education can save lives and reduce asbestos disease.



Asbestos Disease

Contact with asbestos may cause a number of diseases, such as asbestosis, a scarring of the lungs. It can lead to shortness of breath. Cancer of the digestive tract, lung cancer and mesothelioma (a cancer of the chest lining or abdominal lining) may also be caused by contact with asbestos.

The Asbestos Problem in Port Allegany

From 1964 until 1972 asbestos insulation was manufactured in Port Allegany by Pittsburgh Corning Corporation. You may have been in contact with asbestos on the job during those years. You may have brought asbestos dust to your home, and your family may have been in contact with it. If you worked anywhere on the premises during those years, you and your family should participate in this program.

In 1979 the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine examined 355 employees who worked in the Pittsburgh Corning plant between 1964 and 1972. X-ray tests found signs of asbestos disease in about half the workers examined.

Dr. Edwin Holstein interviews a program participant concerning possible asbestos exposure.





A public meeting on the problem of asbestos health hazards was attended by many concerned workers and their families.

Problems were found even in workers who did not think they had been exposed to asbestos.

Additionally, 111 wives were given chest x-rays. The examinations found few problems among the wives. This is welcome news, but it is possible that problems could develop later for family members.

How the Port Allegany Asbestos Health Program Will Help You:

Medical Examinations. The program will pay for specially designed medical tests to help find asbestos health problems. You should get these tests in addition to your regular family medical care. Results of the medical tests will be sent to you and, if you like, to your family doctor. Medical records will be kept confidential.

Health Education. The program will give up-to-date information on asbestos disease and will tell you what you can do to safeguard your health.

Family Counseling. Experts will be available to give you financial advice and to help you and your family deal with the stress and anxiety that some people may experience.

Record Management. The names and addresses of everyone in the program will be compiled. People who have moved out of the area will be traced. Reminders about medical appointments will be sent to you.

Eligibility

Anyone employed in the Pittsburgh Corning plant for any length of time between 1964 and 1972 is eligible to participate in the program. Anyone who lived in the same house with a PC employee during those years is also eligible.



Jack Smoogen, co-chairman of the Port Allegany Asbestos Health Program, and Mary Lou Dann, program coordinator, review program records.

Management of the Asbestos Health Program

A five-member committee directs the program. An office has been set up in Port Allegany to serve as headquarters for the program.

Committee

Dr. Charles Blewett
Mr. Ben Carotenuto
Mr. Howard E. Johnson—co-chairman
Rev. Paul Schill
Mr. Jack J. Smoogen—co-chairman

Mrs. Mary Lou Dann is the program coordinator. If you have questions, contact her at the office. Medical experts from the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine and the staff of the Workers' Institute for Safety and Health will advise the committee on an on-going basis.