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In September we received two bulk samples from your department to be analyzed for free silica and asbestos. These were handled under our Log #183 & 189. One sample was from the Union, WV plant and the other from Orange, TX. We found no free silica or asbestos in either sample.

However, a routine survey by x-ray fluorescence revealed the unexpected presence of arsenic in the talc from Union, WV. We asked for and received from you a second sample of talc from the plant to confirm these findings. The concentration of arsenic was estimated to be between .2 and 2% by x-ray fluorescence and about 0.5% by wet chemical methods. In addition to the possible industrial hygiene problem this may also involve a potential water effluent problem.


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