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FREETPORT, TEXAS 77541

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The following fourteen insulators were examined in December, 1972 and January, 1973.

Eight of these men including
and had hearing loss.

and had abnormal breathing tests.
Only had more than very mild loss of function. There were no significant abnormalities in the chest X rays except in . His X ray showed old scars and changes compatible with emphysema. Although it is impossible to prove one way or another, some of these X ray changes may have resulted from his thirty years' work as an insulator with past heavy exposures to asbestos.

There appears to be evidence of adverse effects of work environment particularly with respect to noise with hearing loss, and possibly with asbestos as mentioned above. It is important that an ongoing hygiene program be maintained. In this regard I would like to obtain from you a short resume of this program.

If you wish any further discussion please contact me.

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