

D. E. Dunham

April 29, 1971

J. M. McDougall

Monokote Pollution Complaint
Hall & Sons Plasterign Co.
Kansas City, Missouri

Bruce Williams
Tom Egan

Dear Dick:

Tom Sutton and I visited the job on March 16, 1971 to follow up and gather information:

JOB

Macy's Indian Springs Shopping Center
Kansas City, Kansas

ARCHITECT

Marshall & Brown
Kansas City, Kansas

GENERAL CONTRACTOR

O. Jack Bear, Inc.
Kansas City, Missouri

JOB SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Bert Coleman

Some of the complaints were as follows:

1. Four laborers unloaded the first truckload of Monokote. Two of these were off work the next day due to nose, throat, and lung congestion; the other two complained of symptoms of colds.

2. Electricians working on the job complained of nose, throat, and lung congestion during spraying application, and during floor cleanup periods. They also stated that small particles of shiny material were falling from applied Monokote while they were working near the material.

3. The electrical foreman (Union Steward) was being treated by a doctor. He claimed his nose, throat and lung problems were being caused by asbestoes in the Monokote.

4. All problems were claimed to have started on the job after the Monokote had arrived on the job site.

Another fact found in the investigation was that Albi-Clad was used by Hall Plastering Company at the same time, in the exposed mechanical rooms of the shopping center.

In visual appearance, there seemed to be areas of the Albi-Clad that has material that looked like asbestus fibers hanging from it. This material is also very toxic and very volatile.

Immediately upon leaving the job site I called Tom Egan in Cambridge, suggesting we have Sandy Mangino, or the Maryland Casualty Insurance representative visit the job site and take readings of particules in the air.

Tom suggested that this might not be a good idea and that he would check with the company's legal department and advise me if they wanted to follow this procedure. He did not call back so I did not advise Sandy or the Maryland Casualty Company.

During the week of April 19, 1971 I was in Kansas City. At that time I discussed the above job complaint with Hall Plastering and they stated that job is now completed and as of this time they had received no formal complaint regarding the time loss on the job.

Sincerely,

J. N. McDougall

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