HOUSEKEEPING IN THE ASBESTOS INDUSTRY

1. In plants where asbestos fiber is used, fiber-containing dust shall not be allowed to accumulate on machinery or on the floor, walls, ceiling and structural members of a building to the extent that dust dislodgement could create airborne concentrations in excess of allowable exposure limits. Equipment and buildings must be cleaned as frequently as necessary to meet this requirement.

2. Vacuum cleaning shall be used wherever possible. Other cleaning methods, including wet sweeping, may be employed if usage does not generate airborne concentrations in excess of allowable exposure limits.

3. If it is not possible to remove dust accumulations by vacuum cleaning or other methods, compressed air cleaning may be employed. During compressed air cleaning, only personnel performing the cleaning operations shall be present in the area. Such personnel must wear approved respirators. This operation must be followed by thorough vacuum cleaning or other suitable procedure to remove dust dislodged during the compressed air cleaning.

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