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The Editor
"Time"
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Dear Sir:

The article, "Death from Dust", January 28, describing conditions at an asbestos insulation plant in Tyler, Texas, should not be viewed as reflective of the situation existing in the vast majority of asbestos manufacturing plants in the United States.

For many years, the industry has recognized the potential serious health hazards of excessive asbestos inhalation and has installed sophisticated control equipment and instituted improved work practices to reduce dust concentrations to acceptable levels so as to provide a safe and healthy working environment for industry employees. In addition, the asbestos industry throughout the world is conducting, sponsoring, or cooperating in extensive medical and technical research to learn even more about the health hazards of asbestos and the means for their control.

Sincerely,

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