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Subject: RESURGENCE OF CLAIMS AT GLOUCESTER file copy

There appears to be a rash of either new claims for old conditions or petitions ~~on these old conditions~~ for review of awards being made to the New Jersey Worker's Compensation Board. For example:

NAME	OLD CLAIM	AWARD	NEW CLAIM/REOPENER	ALLEGED ILLNESS
H. Jenkins	OC7620257	10% CB 10/77	Reopener 10/79	Chronic Bronchitis
W. Owens	CPN70286	12½ CB 4/74	CP79-27578 7/79	Chronic Bronchitis
H. Peacock	OC7613409	Open 4/76		Noise
	OC7622745	7½ CB 11/77	Reopener 10/79	Chronic Bronchitis
S. Ross	CPN-25956	10% CB 8/74	Reopener 4/75	Chronic Bronchitis
			CP7627677 7/79	Pulmonary
G. Rowe	CPN-20884	15% CB 5/74	CP7953232 12/79	Chronic Bronchitis
	OC7633221	4% Noise	CP7953233 12/79	Noise
Jack Scarlett	CPR 4141	15 PD 12/76	CP7937920 9/79	Pulmonary
John Walter	OC7528276	5% CB 6/78	Reopener 12/79	Chronic Bronchitis

We were told by Associated Safety & Claims that the way the claims were being classified, that there was no way for new claims to be generated. Over the years there has been a slight flow of reopeners which have ranged in success from outright clinical to awarding a secondary award, but there have been no new claims by these employees for the same exposure, until now. I have tested seven such new claims which have been filed over the past six months or so.

We hope that what we are seeing is not a forewarning of what is to come. We are sitting on a potential of about 250 potential second claims. We would appreciate your speaking with Associated Safety and Claims relative to our posture on this potential claim picture. We would not like to see GAF having to face redundant claims and/or an abundance of reopeners. If such were to come about and these redundant claims or reopeners were successful, the burder these awards would put on industrial relations and safety could prove unbearable.

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