

Opening remarks re: Ford knowledge:

Schellenberger:

17 Do you remember I told you earlier that Ford
18 Motor Company -- that Owens-Illinois, excuse me, was a
19 member of the Industrial Hygiene Foundation? Guess
20 who else was a member? Guess who else was a member?
21 '48 Ford receives an issue of the National
1 Safety News containing an article entitled,
2 Recognition and Control of Fume and Dust Exposure.
3 They had sections on asbestos, and it
4 stated, asbestos used in the formulation of brake
5 lining is a potentially harmful compound.
6 When you are a member of an organization, we
7 all know, you get the publications. They got them.
8 They got them. 1948. We are nine years before Mr.
9 Grewe walks into Foreign Motors.
10 1949 to 1974 they remained a member of the
11 Industrial Hygiene Foundation and early on they would
12 receive an editorial that says asbestos and cancer of
13 the lung. They get those articles early on.
14 In the 1970s, Ford had an industrial
15 hygienist working for them. They are a big company.
16 An industrial hygienist is somebody who is supposed to
17 make sure that the workplace is safe, right?
18 What does Ford's industrial hygienist do?
19 Recommends not blowing asbestos dust with compressed
20 air hose at its brake research center to reduce
21 exposure.
1 Their own people are recommending that. Do
2 you know what is going on in 1970? Mr. Grewe is
3 getting exposed. Mr. Grewe is breathing that dust.
4 March of '70 industrial hygiene supervisor
5 described the dust containing 25 percent asbestos as
6 toxic.
7 Mr. Grewe is getting exposed.
8 1971 industrial hygiene recommends that
9 compressed air not be used. Mr. Grewe is getting
10 exposed.
11 Do they tell him? Do you know when Ford
12 first puts a warning on their box? 1980, ladies and
13 gentlemen, 1980.
14 Look at all of this time that Mr. Grewe is
15 breathing that dust. The medical evidence will show
16 each and every occupational exposure. Each and every
17 occupational exposure is a substantial contributing
18 factor.
19 1975, Ford receives NIOSH letters stating
20 that scientific literature has reported four
21 mesotheliomas in brake service mechanics.
1 All these studies, ladies and gentlemen.
2 Mr. Grewe gets exposed.