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ASBESTOS HEALTH HAZARDS

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare has issued a warning on the potential health hazard for persons exposed to asbestos during the servicing of motor vehicle brake and clutch assemblies. According to the notice received, data presented by investigators from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York City indicated that workers engaged in such activities are exposed to potentially hazardous levels of airborne asbestos dust. Specific brake servicing operations studied included blow-out of automobile drum brake assemblies, grinding of used truck brake linings, and bevelling of new truck brake linings.

The full extent of asbestos-related disease in brake servicing personnel is not known at present because this particular occupational group has not been systematically studied up to now. However, a review of the scientific literature on the association between asbestos exposure and mesothelial tumors of the pleura and peritoneum has revealed at least four cases of these rare tumors in persons who were employed in jobs involving automobile brake servicing.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) has issued "Recommended (Interim) Procedures for Asbestos Brake and Clutch Servicing". For a copy of these recommendations, write to ASIA and refer to MB-Q-18.

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