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Uniroyal To Discontinue Use Of Asbestos Fiber

The use of asbestos fiber will be discontinued at Uniroyal Hogansville Plants prior to July 1 it was announced today by David Crawford, plant manager.

Federal regulations require that manufacturing operations be conducted to minimize the amounts of asbestos particles that disperse into the air. The plant has been operating to meet these requirements, but more stringent requirements are scheduled to become effective July 1.

Crawford stated that asbestos fiber has been combined with synthetics and cotton fibers and used in high temperatures-resistant fabric and yarns for the past 30 years at the Hogansville Plants.

Substitutes for the asbestos fiber have been undergoing development and this work will continue. He stated the substitute high temperature fibers include Nomex, glass and also steel cord.

The Hogansville Plants employ approximately 500 persons and approximately 110 are engaged in manufacture of products which use asbestos.

Feb. 2. 1976
Hazardville, Ga

Hello Barry:

I guess you think I have died but I have been so Weak and had such a Cold I haven't been anywhere but to the Dr's.

I went to Dr Michael B. Duffell at Emory University Clinic on Jan 21st. they made Xrays and said I did have fluid in my lungs but he wouldn't know how much, until he gets through reading My Pulmonary Chart

and I haven't heard from him but he said she would let me know when to come back - I have a friend in Dr. Brown that has to go out to the hospital 3 times a week for treatment the Dr says she has Osteoporosis, but the Lawyer says she has lupus & the plant to file for Comp - she worked last in 1968 but she has been on Social Security since 68 - I haven't got up much information for you but

but it has been raining
since you all were down here
I've tried to 404-634
4574 I am sending
you a Clipping that was
in the paper about a week
after you all was down here
I know you will be glad
to get it, the Woman that
was most disabled in the
plant when you all was
down her name is Marvaline
Courtney. He walk talk
her out of the plant about
2 weeks ago and she
is in Canton General

Hospital almost Dead
and there is no way she
can live Very Much
longer Does the Labor
Board have a Dr that
would Come Give A Talk
to some of the Folks
that worked in the plant

No thing Dunn did put
up the safety engraved
hope you can read this
I still shake like I did
when you were - I hope
this Clipping will
help you some -
Sincerely Dorothy Heath
Thanks for
the Book
I remain
Mr Wilson