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is asbestos dust in the factories that manufacture friction materials. Off-hand, it might be assumed that past dosage and time effects of asbestos in the factories would have been more serious than sporadic high counts that might be present in brake shops. Most of the epidemiological studies on asbestos in the workplace have been done in the factories that introduce asbestos into products such as brake linings, floor tiles and construction materials. There is very little epidemiological data on brake service shops.

I'm enclosing some items that may be of help in your work. One is a 3 page write-up entitled, "Asbestos Dust Control in Brake Service Centers." The Friction Materials Standards Institute, with one of its members making the major contribution, has drafted these comments on good dust control in the brake service areas. We believe that with good house-keeping and good work practices that the asbestos dust problem can be essentially eliminated in the brake shop. I'm also enclosing a copy of an article that appeared in Brake and Front End Service in May 1976 concerning asbestos in the workplace and some of the recommended equipment that is being used to control it. I'm also enclosing a copy of a letter put out by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health dated August 8, 1975. This letter by Dr. William Lloyd of NIOSH discussed some of the problems in the brake shops and had some recommended procedures for asbestos brake and clutch servicing.

I hope the enclosures and comments are helpful to you concerning your article to appear in **MOTOR Magazine**. I'd be most pleased to receive a copy of your article when it is published.

Sincerely,

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P.S.: I am enclosing also a just-received page from a Raybestos-Manhattan catalog entitled: "Recommended Procedures for Reducing Asbestos Dust During Brake Servicing."