

ZONOLITE COMPANY

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

WRG 00222

Date April 28, 1959

To R. A. Gleich at Libby
From W. J. Bein at Chicago

PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT

WRG-394

Subject: OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE IN MONTANA

Dear Butch:

The concern expressed in your letter of April 22 is certainly shared by all of us in Chicago. As a result of Senate Bill No. 112 being passed, we want you to immediately set up the following program.

1. All new employees must be tested not later than two weeks from the date they are employed. Any new applicant for employment who cannot pass the physical test cannot be hired unless there are special reasons which are submitted to the Chicago Office and approved by the officers of the company before the employee is put on the payroll. It would be a very exceptional case where we would hire a man who is not able to pass our physical.
2. All present employees should receive a physical examination within the time limit permitted by Senate Bill No. 112. As of April 22 you say we have about five months left. The bill was effective March 7, 1959, and therefore all tests must be completed prior to September 7 of this year. When the results of the test have been made, any employee who's health would be endangered due to his present employment, must either be put on a new job or some other arrangement made so that the hazard is eliminated.

I am sure you appreciate that any employee who is found to have silicosis must be reported to the state and if such employee should become totally disabled, he would be under the old law which is paid out of public funds and at \$65.00 per month.

The tests suggested by Dr. Cairns seem to be very complete. I believe that his estimate of \$1,500 for these tests would encompass over 100 people. If this is true, we certainly agree to go along with Dr. Cairns' recommendation. If there is something radically different from what I have just recorded, please advise the Chicago office in detail, where the difference might be.

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R. A. Bleich

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RELATIVE TO GLENN TAYLOR

Glenn Taylor is definitely a case that should be reported to the state as having a respiratory ailment. With this report he would certainly come under the old statute and we would not be subject to the penalties that are now in Senate Bill No. 112.

The other four men with which you have had respiratory problems should be carefully tested with a chest X-ray at least every six months. If they are not able to continue their occupation where there is a hazard, they should be put on some other work at the earliest possible moment.

You should further discuss with Dr. Cairns the best possible follow-up examination. It is our feeling here that chest X-rays at least every 12 months should be mandatory. If there are some other recommendations, we would be glad to have them. Please let me have your views on this letter at the earliest possible moment. Also the program that you intend to set up to complete the recommendations made.

Sincerely yours,


W.J.B.

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