PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT GF-354



The RUBEROID Co.

HYDE PARK, VERMONT

For Attention Mr. K. H. Bohre - New York

Date June 28, 1951

Copy to Messrs. Byrnes - Foster - Montgomery

Reference

Subject NEW VERMONT OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE LAW

Further to your letter of May 3rd on the above, I have discussed the matter with Mr. Hunt and also with the State Health Department, especially in regards to Section 12 of the Act.

(1) Mr. Ashe of the Industrial Hygiene Dept. would like to X-ray all our employees early in September. However, he said that this should be done only at the request of the employer, and asked me to write him a letter, which I said I could not do until I discussed the matter with you.

I feel its a matter of company policy whether we want them to come on the property with their X-ray machine and take X-rays of all the men, or whether we would not have them do this and take the consequences, having on our side the yearly X-rays which Dr. French takes of all our employees, and on which he reports that to date no asbestosis has been evident. No doubt their coming on the property will raise some doubts in the minds of our men. Then, there is also the problem of how they will interpret all these X-rays as they have not had any experience with Asbestosis.

I asked Mr. Ashe if it would be satisfactory if we supplied him with the X-rays taken by Dr. French, but he said he preferred to take his own as he did not have too much confidence in Dr. French's work in this respect.

(2) That, as of July 10th, under the law we will have to X-ray all employees leaving our service at our expense and file the X-ray with the State Health Department, and this will cost us $5.00 per employee.

(3) I have talked with Mr. Eugene Magnus of the Rock of Ages Corp., as the Eastern Magnesia Talc Co. does not come under the law. He advised me that the Granite people, as yet, have not reached a final decision as to how they will operate under the law, but were pretty well convinced they will have the State conduct their X-rays at the Barre City Hospital. I shall go down to Barre before too long to talk to the Granite people again to see what procedure they intend to follow. However, to date they seem to be working rather co-operatively with the State Health Department.

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