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Judy Spencer	O.D.: 41833-22
Legal Section	Claimant: Betty Hayslip
Industrial Commission of Ohio	Company: GM Truck & Bus Div.
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Columbus, OH 43266-0581	Dayton, OH 45408

Dear Ms. Spencer,

Betty Hayslip is a 62 year-old woman who worked for the GM Truck Bus Group from September, 1981 until retirement in August, 1989. She alleges that exposures to some unidentified dust and thick black dirt for the last six years of her employment caused her to develop a lung disease.

Ms. Hayslip's job involved installing trim on doors and interiors of the Chevrolet and GMC compact trucks and utility vehicles which are manufactured at the facility in Dayton. Her work was in assembly only. The parts used in the process are manufactured elsewhere and shipped to the plant for assembly. Her work was not of the type where dust would be generated and there was no other activity in the area which would generate dust.

I spoke to Bill Martin, Worker's Comp. Rep. for the plant, and Jim Rittenhouse, of the Safety Group. Neither could shed any light as to the source or nature of the dust in question. Both stated that the area and work were not considered to be conducive to the formation of dust and airborne dirt. There is no record that she reported the dust to her supervisor, or the plant nurse, whom she visited several times.

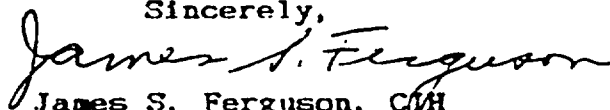
The file contains notes from the nurse in the plant medical unit which covered several years. There are statements indicating that Ms. Hayslip had breathing problems and sinus headaches in 1986. There is no mention of dust or dirt from the plant. She apparently lived very close to the train derailment which involved burning phosphorous and told the nurse that she could smell the fumes from that accident. There could be some connection between that incident and her breathing difficulties.

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With the evidence in the file, and my conversations with the two individuals mentioned above, I could find nothing which would definitely establish a connection between workplace exposures and Ms. Hayslip's claim.

If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James S. Ferguson".

James S. Ferguson, CPH
Industrial Hygienist

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