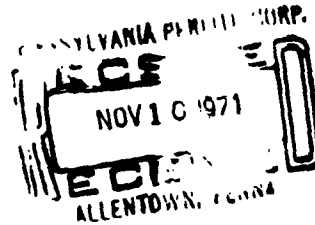


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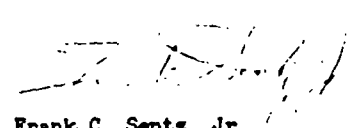
Mr. Sharkin:

On October 7, 1971 a survey to evaluate employees' exposures to inert or nuisance particulates was conducted at bagging operations in your plant by Mr. Kenneth G. Knauss, industrial hygienist.

Airborne samples of nuisance particulates were collected by means of double tared cellulose acetate membrane filters, and these samples were subsequently analyzed gravimetrically. The highest particulate concentration found was 1.56 milligrams per cubic meter of air. This value does not exceed the threshold limit value prescribed in Chapter 201, Subchapter A, Threshold Limits in Places of Employment.

Based on the findings of this survey, no recommendations are made.

Enclosed are pertinent Hygienic Information Guides and Chapter 201, Subchapter A.


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Enclosures