

Since asbestos is virtually indestructible, it lingers endlessly in man's habitat.

The harm of asbestos to humans has been known since the dawn of the century. We recently came across a sentence of the civil and penal court of Turin (Italy) of 1906, in which the judge, in litigation between the British Asbestos Company and a local newspaper (which had reported on the health risk of asbestos), recognized the evidence for an increase in broncopneumonia among exposed workers.

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