

May 18, 1960

Medical Department
Bureau of Workmen's Compensation
Columbus 15, Ohio

Re: C. D. 110042
Thomas Mayweather

Dear Sir:

On April 28, 1960 a visit was made to the Hoppers Company, Inc., Youngstown, Ohio to check conditions under which the above named claimant worked.

In this tar products plant, the company uses crude tar from coke ovens to produce roofing pitch, fiber pitch, intermediate carbon pitches, hard carbon pitch and core pitch.

The claimant has been employed by this company from August 2, 1927 to the present as a boiler fireman. On September 25, 1957, Dr. Haffman, Industrial Hygiene Engineer of this Division, visited this company regarding Claim No. C.D. 110042 filed by this claimant. Mr. Haffman's description of conditions is applicable to the present claim. A portion of his letter dated October 10, 1957 is as follows:

"The claimant was a boiler fireman. He had worked for this company in this capacity for over 30 years and is still working. At one time, the boilers were hand-fired with coal but now they are fired with fine coal blown into the boilers. The claimant also fired stills with fuel oil.

The first operation in the distilling of crude tar is the dehydration of the tar, the vapors going into a swamp which is located approximately 30' west of the boiler house.

In a west wind, these vapors would drift into the boiler house. They were quite noticeable at the time of this visit. It is concluded that the claimant was exposed to considerable tar vapors over his entire period of employment with this company."

Very truly yours,

DONALD W. MURPHY
Industrial Hygienist

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