

January 19, 1967

Mr. Fred L. Gardiner
Armstrong Contracting and Supply Corp.
120 North Lime Street
Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Dear Fred:

Subject: Asbestosis Claims

Our records show a total of 82 asbestosis claims for the period from about 1952 forward. Claims settled are 42 and settlement amounts total \$60,394. There are 40 unsettled claims at this time.

In answer to your fourth question, there is not a lot of questioning that can be done once the claim has been ruled compensable. It is then a matter of determining the extent of exposure while in the employment of Armstrong Contracting. Many states allow proration of an award among all employers in whose employment the claimant was exposed to the conditions causing the disease. Some states, however, hold the last employer totally responsible without right of recourse. We work closely with our insurer in developing exposure data and beyond that we do not go.

For your further information, 16 of the settled claims were closed without payment of any kind.

Sincerely yours,

Wallace B. Hofferth
Insurance Manager

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