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June 15, 1943

Mr. C. A. Stump
Lima Locomotive Works Corporation
Lima, Ohio

Dear Mr. Stump:

Copy of a report submitted to me by Mr. DeWitt Huffman is enclosed for your information and guidance.

Compliance with the recommendations made by Mr. Huffman will, undoubtedly, assist materially in benefiting the health of your employees. We trust you will carry them out at your earliest opportunity.

If there is anything further this Division can do to assist you, kindly let us know.

Very truly yours,

Superintendent

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June 18, 1943

Mr. Thos. P. Kearns, Supt.
Division of Safety and Hygiene
The Industrial Commission of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

In re: Lima Locomotive Works Corp.
Lima, Ohio

On June 7, a visit was made to the above named company, to see what improvements had been made with respect to dust conditions since the survey of this plant on June 16, 1942.

Contact was made with [redacted], Safety Director.

The company manufactures castings for locomotives, power shovels, etc.

A description of this foundry was given in a previous report. At that time a number of recommendations were made. [redacted] did not have in his file a copy of that report so one is enclosed with this communication. The company has complied with a suggestion made relative to a hood for a cyanide pot, it has also installed two fans in the cleaning room which has improved conditons. However, they still send blast castings on the outside of the plant which creates an excessive amount of dust in the yard. The sand blaster is not provided with the protection of an air line helmet. The company has ordered a sand blast.

Several employees were observed creating considerable dust when cleaning up around the shakeout. In the previous report it was recommended that the exhaust in the shakeout be run when such work was done. There are small ventilators on the roof of the foundry approximately every 30 feet. This does not give adequate ventilation for the removal of dust. It was observed that considerable dust escaped from a stack at the shakeout end of the foundry which dust drifted into the foundry superintendent's office and also into the engineering office. Steps should be taken to collect this dust so that it would not be spread through the entire plant to cause hazards outside the foundry.

In addition to the recommendations made in the report of June 16, it is recommended:

1. Steps be taken to prevent dispersal of dust throughout the plant yard.

2. That additional exhaust ventilation be provided for the foundry.

Respectfully submitted,

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DeWitt Huffman,
Safety Engineer

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