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BROWN & ROOT – "BLATANT DISREGARD"

1935 National Safety Council warns about hazardous nature of asbestos dust. "If you can see the dust, you know it to be a terrific hazard." (B&R 7)

1947 **Exxon begins to continually advise Brown & Root of asbestos hazards and necessary precautions.** (Hammond depo and report) (B&R 5) (B&R 135)

1950 Brown & Root linked to **National Safety Council** through The Associated General Contractors of America. (B&R 99)

1951 National Safety Council reports to Brown & Root: "At the present time, it is generally agreed that the most important sources of industrial diseases of the lungs are free or uncombined silica and **asbestos.**" (B&R 26)

1958 Texas State Law & Safety Regulations requires precautions around asbestos- IGNORED. (B&R 8)

1960's Brown & Root familiar with Walsh Healy Act - federal asbestos regulations. (B&R 6)

1961 Brown & Root admits that employees are members of the National Safety Council. (B&R 203) (pg 17)

1961 Brown & Root told by NSC: "Similarly, we know that asbestos dust causes a serious lung disease called 'asbestosis.' "Employees should be given adequate training... to protect themselves and other workers from injury" (B&R 34)

1965 NSC warns Brown & Root that the 'most "common pneumoconiosis are silicosis... and asbestosis... control of the disease depends on the control of exposure. The effects of exposure..are irreversible." (B&R 36)

1966 **Brown & Root told by NSC: " Asbestos has been much in the daily newspapers over the last year or two....because of the association of a cancerous condition known as MESOTHELIOMA..." (B&R 37)**

1967 NSC again warns Brown & Root 'Data coming in regularly from studies of men working around asbestos dust leave verylittle doubt that the gun operator and other craftsman in the area are being subjected to the risk of asbestosis and **LUNG CANCER**." (B&R 38)

1968 NSC reports to Brown & Root that each year **"Half million plus workers disabled from the effects of asbestos..."** and other dust. (B&R 39)

1970 Occupational Safety and Health Act signed by President Nixon. (B&R 9)

1971 Brown & Root tries to affect passage of OSHA asbestos safety regulations.

1977 Brown & Root first conducts air monitoring for asbestos –5 YEARS AFTER REQUIRED BY OSHA (B&R 72)

1978 Brown & Root begins to selectivelyenforce asbestos regulations for first time. (concern about costs) (B&R 63)

1979 Richardson (Brown & Root Industrial Hygienist) letter confirms continuing OSHA violations. (B&R 66)

1979 Brown & Root commits over 200 OSHA violations between 1972 and 1979. (B&R 190)

1996 BROWN & ROOT *DENIES* ASSOCIATION BETWEEN ASBESTOS AND MESOTHELIOMA. (B&R 72)