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Mr. M.H. Decoster
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Dear Mr. Decoster:

During the month of February, Dr. N.E. Rosenwinkel, Director Occupational Medicine, Dr. J.D. Yoder, Director Environmental Health, and I visited your manufacturing facilities in Marysville. Our primary contacts during the visit were: Mr. R. Haskins, Director of Personnel and Administration, Mr. L. Sackett, Manager of Associate Relations and Mr. R. Gruenbaum, Environmental Enginner. Discussions were also held with Mr. A. Kwapisz, Director of Manufacturing, and Dr. J. Evans, part-time plant physician.

Unfortunately, you were out of town at the time of the visit, and consequently, we did not have a chance to meet with you and share our findings. Let me do this now.

During the visit, several items of concern were noted. These items were:

1. The environmental monitoring program which was started several years ago essentially has been discontinued.

2. Some employees were being exposed to asbestos and some toxic chemicals used in your control operations such as organo-phosphates and arsenic and mercury compounds.

3. The effectiveness of the exhaust ventilation system could be improved considerably by better engineering design.

4. A program of routine maintenance for the ventilation system should be installed and enforced for optimum effectiveness.

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On the other side of the coin, we were very pleased to note that:

1. There were adequate facilities for testing the hearing ability of employees and that the facilities were being utilized.

2. Biological monitoring for certain employees, such as those involved with the organo-phosphates and mercury compounds also was in effect.

3. Excellent manuals had been prepared by Mr. Greunbaum covering (a) chemical raw materials, toxicology (hazards and treatments for exposure), (b) personal hygiene, and (c) plant housekeeping.

All of these positive actions are most encouraging.

Let me return for a moment to the environmental monitoring program which has been discontinued. It is our understanding that Mr. Gruenbaum had initiated the basics of a good monitoring program, consequently, it is strongly recommended that this program be reinstituted. Also, it is recommended that Mr. Gruenbaum attend some type of short term formal training course in air sampling and evaluation techniques, such as the AIHA-NIOSH (American Industrial Hygiene Association - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health) training course on "Industrial Hygiene Measurements". This is an excellent two week course given on an irregular basis at various locations around the country. Information on time and location of such courses can be obtained from -

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66 S. Miller Road
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Finally, it is urgently recommended that the employees in the vermiculite expansion process be examined and the provisions of Occupational Safety and Health Standard 1910.93 on asbestos be implemented in this area.

If you have any comments or questions on the above points, please be sure to contact us. It is hoped that Dr. Rosenwinkel and Dr. Yoder will be able

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to visit your facilities again in the near future and these points can be discussed in greater detail at that time. In addition, we did not have a chance to visit your new research laboratories during working hours and we would like to review these operations in further detail.

Sincerely,

John Lauer

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