



The Industrial Commission
Of Ohio
Division Of Safety & Hygiene
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Legal Section
Industrial Commission of Ohio
246 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Attn: Linda Dolby

RE: Claim #OD16822-22
Vincent Santilli
General Motors Corp.
Van Assembly Division
Lordstown, Ohio 44482

Dear Ms. Dolby:

After reviewing the above claim file, it was not clear to me to what extent this claimant performed the grinding duties which he alleges caused him to be totally disabled from February 23, 1978 until March 13, 1978. He states that dust from the grinding of AC Brackets caused heavy coughing which in turn caused a back strain.

Because of my confusion on this matter, I contacted Mr. Santilli by telephone on May 16, 1980. He explained that he normally is employed as an inspector, but on the evening of February 23, 1978, because there was no other work to do, his boss gave him this grinding work just to keep him busy. After grinding three or four hours, he states that he developed a headache and a cough and strained his back from coughing. The grinding of these steel brackets is not one of Mr. Santilli's normal duties, and this is the only time he ever performed this work.

Because of the very short exposure experienced by this claimant to a type of dust which normally does not cause acute reactions, which occur immediately upon exposure, it is questionable that this claim should be investigated as an occupational disease.

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I have discussed the preceding points with Mr. Polas and his investigator at the Youngstown Office of The Bureau of Workers' Compensation. They were not aware of the fact that the grinding performed by Mr. Santilli was not part of his normal job, and that he had only done this work one time for three hours. They were in agreement with me that the claim should not be investigated as an occupational disease and asked that you return the file to their office for further processing.

Sincerely,

Donald B. Meeker

Donald B. Meeker,
Industrial Hygienist

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