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EVOLUTION OF OCCUPATIONAL ASBESTOS HEALTH CONTROL PROGRAM ON CHAMBERS WORKS

Nov. 9, 1964 Letter from Dr. D'Alonzo, *Corporate Medical Director, with a summary by Dr. Stopps on asbestos received.

Aug. 19, 1966 Asbestos material survey made on Chambers Works. Air monitoring of asbestos started.

Aug. 23, 1966 Letter from Dr. Stopps to Dr. Neeld received. Fifty-two pipecoverers' records reviewed. No concern for cancer found. Validity of physical examination findings and x-ray reports inconclusive because of lack of smoking history, exposure records, and control group. Advises various representatives meet with Dr. Pell to outline an appropriate asbestos study.

Nov. 8, 1966 Letter received from Dr. D'Alonzo.

1. Asbestos questionnaire received asking for a list of all employees exposed to asbestos.
2. Pulmonary function test - Chambers Works to be pilot plant in obtaining data from new pulmonary function machine and share results with remainder of the Company.

Nov. 15, 1966 Asbestos survey undertaken by Construction (L. V. Thatcher).

Dec. 9, 1966 Questionnaire (of above) answered and returned to Dr. D'Alonzo.

Feb. 22, 1967 Meeting in Dr. Neeld's office to discuss problem of asbestosis and how to deal with it. Thirty-seven air surveys for asbestos done by A. Lynch (industrial hygienist). Found to be OK.

Oct. 11, 1968 Letter from Dr. D'Alonzo received clarifying that only regular workers exposed to asbestos be forwarded to Wilmington and maintained.

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Oct. 15, 1968 List aggregated as per above.

Feb. 21, 1969 Cancer of lung study accomplished.
Findings: No mesothelioma were found. No cancer of lung in ladders as of this date was found.

June 6, 1972 Asbestos Conference - NIOSH criteria - Concluded
Chambers works implemented program should be in compliance to proposed standard.

Nov. 29, 1972 A. Linch states Chambers Works has not had (ever) a health problem in the asbestos field. Described type air monitoring that was an on-going project.

Jan. 24, 1973 Repeat asbestos air monitoring found to be OK by Construction.

Jan., 1974 Air monitoring results of Engineering done and given to Medical.

Feb., 1974 Dr. Neeld states by letter to Plant General Superintendents that all employees exposed to asbestos should have annual examinations.

March, 1974 Medical reminder from Industrial Hygiene supervision sent to Construction and Engineering highlighting all OSHA responsibilities of areas dealing with asbestos and how these parallel Du Pont Engineering Standards.

Nov., 1978 Asbestos program informational letter to all Chambers Works employees developed.

Fall, 1978 Non-Du Pont radiologist reading of x-rays began.

Spring, 1978 Asbestos Program as now known initiated:
Work history
Pulmonary specialist, etc.
BAX
BSI
Etc.

All of the above can be substantiated in writing by documents held at Chambers Works Medical. If you have any questions on what has been provided, please feel free to call me.

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