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ASBESTOS-RELATED MEDICAL FINDINGS

This issue has become somewhat complex and I felt it advisable to detail a chronology of Medical Division activities in this area.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

MEDICAL DIVISION

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CHRONOLOGY OF MEDICAL DIVISION ACTIVITIES

July 6, 1978--March 28, 1979	- Repauno Plant OSHA inspection. Medical Division involved throughout.
April 16, 1979	- Repauno Plant OSHA citation.
February 8, 1979	- Discussion in EQC of the "Repauno Asbestos Situation." "Medical has . . . recommended that this (radiologist interpretation of x-rays) be done by outside radiologists at all plant locations throughout the Company."
February 13, 1979	- First draft -- Guidelines on Interpretation of X-rays. EQC involved.
February 27, 1979	- Second draft -- Guidelines on Interpretation of X-rays. EQC involved.
March 29, 1979	- Dissemination to all Company physicians, plant managers, and P&IRD managers the Guidelines on Interpretation of X-rays which require x-ray interpretation by a radiologist or qualified specialist.
July 5, 1979	- Establishment by Medical of a multi-discipline Task Group to develop guidelines on handling cases of chronic illness, especially asbestos-related, among employees and pensioners. Director of Health and Safety on the task group. Legal Department represented.
September 6, 1979	- Discussion of the guidelines on chronic diseases in EQC Policy Group (according to 9/13/79 EQC minutes).
September 17, 1979	- Dissemination of Guidelines on Chronic Health Hazards and those related to asbestos to all Company physicians, plant managers, and P&IRD managers.

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January 4, 1980	- Guidelines on x-ray interpretation mentioned in the EQC Annual Report.
April 15, 1980 April 29, 1980	- Training courses for plant nurses making x-ray exposures
May 8, 1980	- Photo Products x-ray Technical Representatives asked to visit all plants to help improve x-ray quality.
May 13, 1980	- Request to Textile Fibers' plant physicians for x-rays of asbestos workers for review.
August 18, 1980	- Letter to Textile Fibers' plant physicians scheduling meeting to discuss x-rays on September 9.
August 22, 1980	- Meeting with Departmental Occupational & Environmental Health Managers to describe the planned course of action and get concurrence. Director of Health & Safety attended.
August 25, 1980	- Follow-up letter to Occupational & Environmental Health Managers, elaborating on the August 22 discussions.
September 9, 1980 September 16, 1980 September 23, 1980 September 30, 1980	- Meetings with plant physicians to discuss the problem and the planned course of action.
September 25, 1980	- Gibson Asbestosis Committee appointed and deliberation started. Medical Division represented.
September 26, 1980	- Meeting between H. G. Smyth, J. F. Schmutz, W. E. Tatum, J. V. Piet, R. A. Harrington, J. R. Gibson, B. P. Quaintance, John T. Smith, N. K. Walters, B. W. Karrh, and B. W. Culpepper to discuss the reasons for the Committee.