

- ° Present medical knowledge considers such an abnormality to be irreversible, but not necessarily one that will develop into asbestosis.
- ° Development of and the progression of asbestos-related abnormalities are dependent upon such factors as dose, age, and life style. For example, smoking increases the possibility of asbestos-related disease, particularly cancer.

Q8. What is the difference between asbestosis and cancer?

A8. Simply stated, asbestosis does not involve a cancerous condition. A rare form of cancer called mesothelioma is found in some persons who have been exposed to asbestos. Mesotheliomas are far more frequent among smokers exposed to asbestos than among non-smokers so exposed.

Q9. Can you ensure me that our current asbestos work practices will prevent me from developing any lung abnormalities?

A9. Because of the latency period, previous exposure may yet cause a future abnormality to become evident. However, we are confident following present work practices will protect any worker from damaging exposures to asbestos.

Q10. Why are new x-rays being taken in the case of some employees?

A10. The early abnormalities for which our physicians and radiologists are searching are detectable only if a high quality x-ray film is obtained. In certain cases, we have found that while our x-rays are perfectly acceptable for most diagnostic purposes, some are of insufficient quality for detecting early asbestos-related changes.

Q11. Will I be eligible for Workers' Compensation or other benefits?

A11. If any work-related illness or impairment develops, the Company will accept responsibility for appropriate related medical costs, make an appropriate Workers' Compensation settlement offer and assist the employee or his family in obtaining other benefits to which they may be entitled.

Q12. Have the Steelworkers or asbestos suits prompted Du Pont's program?

A12. No. —

Q13. Has the discovery of asbestos-related medical cases at Chambers Works and Repauno had a bearing on this program?

A13. Yes, we learned from that experience; however, that was not the sole consideration in establishing the program.

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