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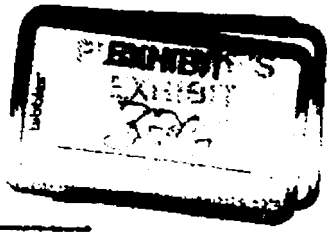
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To: Mr. Kelly
From: Dr. Elkins
Subject: H & V Specialties Co., West Groton

Enclosed herewith are three copies of a report by our engineers, Mr. Elise Comproni and Mr. Harold Bayley on a visit to the above establishment on May 21, 1954.

You will kindly note that present plans do not call for recirculating air from the dust collector so that our previous recommendations covering this matter may be waived.

You will note that there was one X-ray with positive findings which is being further studied by Dr. R. Vance of Boston.

Inasmuch as this was a matter initiated by your Division, no copy of the report is being sent by us to the employer.

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To: Dr. Elkins
From: Mr. Comprond and Mr. Bayley
Subject: H & V Specialties Company, West Groton
Persons interviewed: Mr. T. O'Malley, Superintendent
Mr. F. C. Harmon, Employment Manager
Date of visit: May 21, 1954

A follow-up visit was made to this plant to check on our previously submitted recommendations relative to the control of asbestos dust at the picking and carding operation.

According to Mr. O'Malley, Superintendent, the company no longer plans to re-circulate the air which is exhausted from the picker machines and the five carding machines. The exhaust for the pickers will be discharged directly to the dust collector which is located outside the plant. The ventilation from the carding units will also be discharged directly to this collector. Therefore, our recommendation for a warning device at the dust collector may be waived.

Plans are still being considered for a pneumatic conveying system to transport the material from the pickers to a storage bin on the second floor where the carding machines are located. It is expected that this will be completed within the next year.

It was learned at this time that a second picker unit has been installed and will be in operation in the near future. This picker has been provided with exhaust ventilation and will discharge into the secondary picker or blender. Material is dropped into trucks at the secondary unit at the present time. The trucks are dumped into an enclosure at one end of the room and the blended material is stored for future use. The operators that remove and empty the trucks are provided with and required to wear approved respirators while performing this operation. The total running time of the pickers is approximately one hour per day. This will produce enough material to operate the carding machines for twenty-four hours.

All employees (20) in the Asbestos Department were given chest X-rays a short time ago. Results of 12 X-rays have been received. All X-rays except one were negative. The X-ray of Mr. George Oakes, card operator, indicated a fine mottling in the lower part of the lungs according to Mr. Harmon, Employment Manager. This man was hired in 1946 and was placed in the Asbestos Department in June 1952. According to Mr. Harmon, this employee had been a hard coal miner for ten or fifteen years prior to his employment in this company. Dr. R. Vance of Boston is handling the X-ray work for the company.

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