PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

NAR-205

DIVISION OF SAFETY AND HYGIENE
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF OHIO

December 6, 1954

Re: North American
Refractories Co.
Strasburg, Ohio

James H. Flaker, Superintendent
Division of Safety and Hygiene
Columbus, Ohio

1. On November 30, 1954, the writer visited the above named company's plant at the suggestion of Mr. Russell Ils, to talk to management concerning repairs to kilns and stacks.

2. Contact was made with H. C. Knox, Plant Superintendent.

3. This company manufactures refractory fire brick at this plant.

4. Since Mr. Ils visited the company they have repaired part of the stacks and kilns. They are having a hard time getting a brick layer capable of doing this type of work. Nevertheless, they are doing as much as possible. The company intends to complete the work when brick layers are available.

5. The company had a complete survey of dust conditions in the plant in 1947 by the Industrial Hygiene Foundation of Pittsburgh. The dust counts reported by this agency were quite low in comparison with those found in many other plants in the same area. The report showed that the clay which was being used produced a dust containing approximately 16% free silica. This is normal for clays in the Strasburg area.

6. It is the writer's opinion that the company is making a determined effort to take care of the conditions which Mr. Ils wrote about.

Respectfully submitted,

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Industrial Hygiene Engineer.

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