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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH										PLANT INFORMATION RECORD Stock No. 5268.3									
PLANT Pecora Chemical Corporation										AREA CODE PHONE NO. 215 PE-9-6130									
ADDRESS 300-400 West Sedgeley Avenue										EMPLOYEES									
Philadelphia, Penna. 19140										M 95									
PRODUCT OR SERVICE 2800 sealants & adhesives										F 5									
PERSON INTERVIEWED Joseph Hartrick, Asst. Plant Manager										T 100									
PHYSICIAN None																			
ADDRESS																			
NURSE None																			
SAFETY SUPERVISOR None																			
INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST None																			
INSURANCE CARRIER I.N.A.																			
LEGAL OWNER Lawrence Bowen, President																			
RECOMMENDATIONS None																			
REMARKS P.C. and folder on file. Pre-placement physicals. Plant planning to move by next year to Kulpsville, Penna. (near Lansdale exit of turnpike) Mineral spirits, toluol (and small amount of xylol) used in mixing. USEM approved respirators for organic vapors, dusts used in dumping, mixing operations. Asbestos survey was made in 1968. No carbon tetrachloride or benzene is used in a composition of formulas. No leaded compounds used any longer, according to Mr. Har-																			
TYPE OF VISIT Inspection										DATE 7/22/70 BY R. MILLER L76 Q.51									
LIST HAZARDS AND CONTROL MEASURES ON REVERSE SIDE																			

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SEP 17 1970
PENNA. DEPT. OF HEALTH
INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE SECTION

OPERATION

HAZARD

CONTROL MEASURE

TRUCK, storage tanks would be sent out for repairs if necessary. No entry done.
Resurvey for asbestos indicated.

mixers	9%	10	Talc	9030	10	A	I
		10	dihydroxy phthalate	0864	10		
		10	calcium carbonate	0505	10		
		10	zinc peroxide		10		
		10	accelcor 1232 (chlorinated polyphenyl)			10	
		10	asbestos	9020	10	10	
		10	polysulfide rubber	5350	10		
			current				
		10	tripotassium phosphate		10		
		10	kreysen CFP acetate		10		
		10	camel-white pigment	9130	10		
		10	supern clay dust	9020	10		
		10	hydrated lime		10		
		10	toluol	2460	10		
		10	numeral spirits	1780	10		
		10	linseed oil	5010	10		
		10	barium dioxide	0310	10		
		10	calcium peroxide		10		
		10	xytol	2590	10		
		10	sudopol polytrite H-100		10		
		10	titanium dioxide	2440	10		
Lab technicians	12		(as above)				

Mixers and packages alternate with lab personnel in 4 areas of the plant. Lab work constitutes formula work and quality control. Total plant population without office and sales staff is app. 34-40.

File

REGION 1

PROD. MFG. OR SERVICE _____

admissionDATE OF ACTIVITY 8-9-71FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT
(Occupational Health)

PLANT

Penn. Chem. Co., Inc.

ADDRESS

200-400 W. 5th StPhila

ZIP CODE

19140TELEPHONE 215RE-9-6130

PERSON INTERVIEWED

Joseph Hestrich

TITLE

asst. plant mgr.

EMPLOYEES

MALE

FEMALE

TOTAL 105

IND. CODE

2800

COUNTY

Phila.

PUNCH CARD

YES ☒NO ☐

FOLDER

YES ☒NO ☐

N.S.N.

YES ☐NO ☒PURPOSE: INVEST.; SURVEY; INSP. PRELIM; F.U.; CONF.; VISIT; OTHER _____

REASON: SELF-INIT.; P.D. REP.; COMPL.; REQUEST; SOURCE _____

SAMPLES COLLECTED _____

TOTAL _____

(NO. & KIND)

DETERM. MADE _____

TOTAL _____

(NO. & KIND)

MEDICAL - O.D. REPORTED, NO. & KIND _____

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS

SPECIFIC HAZARD OR CONDITION	WORKERS EXPOSED	RECOMMENDATIONS		ACCOMPLISHED		
		WRITTEN - - VERBAL		YES	NO	IN PROG.

asbestos4see remarks

A preliminary visit was made to determine exposure time and detailed use of asbestos at charging operation. Plant is in process of winding down all operations, as facilities are to be removed to 165 Wambold Rd., Harleysville, Pa. (Montgomery County) (landsale exit of turnpike, west on Rt. 63) by end of August. No asbestos in use currently. Counties notified, file card changes made.

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☐ OVERby Robert Hestrich WINS 165RIH John

File

REGION I
PROD. MFG. OR SERVICE
adhesives
DATE OF ACTIVITY 9/22/70FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT
(Occupational Health)

PLANT

Pecora Chemical Co., Inc.

ADDRESS

300-400 W. Sedgeley Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

ZIP CODE

19140

TELEPHONE

215 RE9-6130

PERSON INTERVIEWED

Al Pacheski

TITLE

Foreman

EMPLOYEES

MALE

FEMALE

TOTAL 105

IND. CODE

2800

COUNTY

Phila.

PUNCH CARD

YES ☒NO ☐

FOLDER

YES ☒NO ☐

N.S.N.

YES ☐NO ☒PURPOSE: INVEST.: SURVEY: INSP.: PRELIM. F.U.: CONF.: VISIT: OTHER: _____REASON: SELF-INIT. P.D. REP.: COMPL.: REQUEST: SOURCE: _____

SAMPLES COLLECTED _____

TOTAL _____

(NO. & KIND)

DETERM. MADE _____

TOTAL _____

(NO. & KIND)

MEDICAL — O.D. REPORTED, NO. & KIND: _____

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS

SPECIFIC HAZARD OR CONDITION	WORKERS EXPOSED	RECOMMENDATIONS		ACCOMPLISHED		
		WRITTEN	VERBAL	YES	NO	IN PROG.

Asbestos4see remarksRemarks

Asbestos survey was intended for asbestos containing dust at the mixer charging operation. At time of inspection, Mr. Hertrick, asst. plant mgr., did not know duration of asbestos exposure. Mr. Pacheski indicated that this duration was 5 or 10 minutes for once or twice a day. No asbestos was being used this day.

Note

Discussed this with R. Heller and reviewed various aspects of asbestos exposures. A return visit will be made to review the operations in detail to decide whether or not a survey should be made.

L. Gonshor

☐ OVERBY R. Heller WINS LTCRTH 1.5

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE

4/1/68

TO

where it may concern

FROM

C. J. Dancher

Lab was toured but not given
a thorough inspection. To list
chemicals used in a research lab
would be time ill spent.

filePlant File

Pecora, Inc.

300 - 400 N. Sedgley Ave.
Phila. 19140

HH-19003 REV. 10/62

REGION VII

PROD. MFG. OR SERVICE Adhesives

DATE 7/20/64

PLANT

PECORA, INCORPORATED

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT

EMPLOYEES

MALE _____

FEMALE _____

TOTAL _____

ADDRESS

300 W. Sedgley Avenue, Philadelphia

Plant Engineer

TITLE Philadelphia

PERSON INTERVIEWED Mr. Raymond Dronsfield

PURPOSE: INVEST.; SURVEY; INSPECT.; PRELIM.; F.U.; CONF.; VISIT; Asbestos

REASON: SELF-INIT.; O.D. REP.; COMPL.; REQUEST; SOURCE Inspection

SPECIFIC HAZARD OR CONDITION	WORKERS EXPOSED	RECOMMENDATIONS	ACCOMPLISHED		
		WRITTEN — VERBAL	YES	NO	IN PROG.
Asbestos dust	2	1. Cont. using approved respirators			
		2. Cont. annual chest X-rays			
		3.			

SAMPLES COLLECTED 9 dust TOTAL 9
(NO. & KIND)

DETERM. MADE 9 + 1 TOTAL 10
(NO. & KIND)

MEDICAL _____ O.D. REPORTED, NO. & KIND _____

REMARKS See survey report of 24 June 1964.

PUNCH CARD ☒ YES ☐ NO FOLDER ☒ YES ☐ NO

BY BORDONI

cmh

23 July 1964

Pecora, Incorporated
300 West Sedgley Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Attention: Mr. Raymond Dronsfeld
Plant Engineer

Gentlemen:

A survey was conducted in your plant to evaluate employees' exposure to asbestos dust. Because of our findings, the following recommendations are made.

1. Continue the program of requiring employees to wear approved-type respirators whenever engaged in mixing operations.
2. Continue the program of providing annual chest X-ray examinations for all employees exposed to dust.

A copy of the survey report, our booklet entitled "Dust", our Hygienic Information Guide entitled "Asbestos" and Article 432, as amended, are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Jan Lieben, M. D., Director
Division of Occupational Health

Enclosures (4)
JL:MB:cmm

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Health
DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Report of Survey

Pecora, Incorporated
300 West Sedgley Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Following a plant inspection, a survey was conducted on 24 June 1964 to evaluate employees' exposure to asbestos dust. Arrangements for the survey were made with Mr. Raymond Dronsfield, plant engineer.

DETAILED FINDINGS

This plant is engaged in the manufacture of adhesives. Asbestos is blended in batch mixers with various fillers and vehicles and packed in cans and drums.

The batch mixers are equipped with local exhaust ventilating systems. When charging the mixers, the operators are required to wear respirators approved by the U. S. Bureau of Mines for protection against pneumoconiosis-producing dusts. The operators spend approximately two hours a day at the mixing operation. The balance of the workday is spent performing duties not involving the use of asbestos.

Atmospheric samples were collected at the operator's breathing level and in the general work area with midget impingers using ethyl alcohol as the collecting medium. Dust counts were made microscopically using a standardized light-field technique, and the results given in the attached Table.

The threshold limit value for asbestos-containing dust is 5 million particles per cubic foot of air (m. p. p. c. f.), based on an eight-hour workday. Dust concentrations ranged from 1.4 to 4.1 m. p. p. c. f. with an average of 2.5 m. p. p. c. f.

To keep dust exposures at a minimum, the practices of exhausting^{Ventilating} the batch mixers and requiring employees to wear approved-type respirators when charging the mixers should be continued.

It should also be emphasized that cases of lung disease have occurred among workers exposed to low dust concentrations. The program of giving annual chest X-ray examinations to all employees engaged in dusty operations should also be continued.

A Table of dust concentrations follows.

Table Dust Concentrations

* Threshold limit value for asbestos-containing dust - 5 million particles per cubic foot of air.

Maurice Bordoni
Industrial Hygienist