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MR. W. PFERD, Head
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Re: Transite Cable Hole Covers

File: I.E. 30

This is in reference to a phone conversation on May 10, 1973 between Mr. C. Bendersky of your organization and Mr. A. Skirpstunas of CIE, concerning airborne concentrations of asbestos fibers in Central Offices generated from cutting of transite cable hole covers.

In order to minimize any adverse affects upon the Installer when working with asbestos, installation practices require that the Installer handling asbestos, mineral wool or rock wool wear plastic safety goggles, leather palmed canvas gloves and a respirator to protect the nose and mouth.

The airborne concentration in a Central Office of asbestos fibers generated from the transite cutting process is presently unknown. However, we have been advised that we may be in violation of OSHA, when working with transite cable hole covers in new Central Offices or on additions.

We have requested Western Electric Headquarters to clarify the corporate stand in regard to a periodic physical examination for persons being exposed to airborne asbestos particles. We have also requested them to assist us in evaluating what the airborne asbestos particle concentration level is while the Installer cuts asbestos.

In view of the fact that your organization is actively engaged in testing and evaluation of the present cable hole concept, we feel that this condition has an impact on your studies and requires immediate attention.

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Furthermore, we feel that elimination of transite cable hole covers from the Bell System, would be one significant step toward improving the Installers' working environment.

Your prompt cooperation in expediting the resolution of this problem is greatly appreciated.


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