PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

BEA-89

October 10, 1957

Medical Department
Industrial Commission of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

RE: O D 10003
Thomas Harrycather

Gentlemen:

On September 25, 1957 a visit was made to the Koppers Company, Inc., 1359 Logan Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio, to check conditions under which the above-named claimant had worked.

The Company purchases crude tar and distills this tar for roofing pitch, hard pitch, fiber pitch, road material, light or chemical oils and creosote.

"The claimant was a boiler fireman. He had worked for this company in this capacity for over 30 years and is still working. At one time the boilers were hand-fired with coal, but now they are fired with fine coal blown into the boilers. The claimant also fired stills with fuel oil.

The first operation in the distilling of crude tar is the dehydration of the tar, the vapors going into a sump which is located approximately 30' west of the boiler house.

With a west wind, these vapors would drift into the boiler house. They were quite noticeable at the time of this visit. It is concluded that the claimant was exposed to considerable tar vapors over his entire period of employment with this company."

Very truly yours,

DeWitt Huffman
Industrial Hygiene Engineer

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