

Hoechst Celanese Corporation
Spartanburg, South Carolina

DATE: April 27, 1989

TO: Marc Simpson

FROM: Jim Stowe

SUBJ: Safety Meeting Questions

Marc, thank you for the questions which were developed as a result of your 4/27/89 safety meeting concerning asbestos. I will attempt to answer your concerns.

Typically asbestos related illnesses are chronic in nature. That is, they typically develop over a number of years after repeated unprotected exposure to asbestos fiber which has somehow been disturbed and become airborne. Typically asbestos fiber is not airborne in the plant. It does become airborne when work is performed on it; for example repairing or removing asbestos containing insulation. In those situations where the asbestos containing materials must be disturbed, a number of work related safety procedures are utilized to control the development and spread of those fibers.

What you see across the road from the TA unloading area is the end of those repair/removal projects. That is, the preparation for disposal of the asbestos containing waste has occurred and what you should be seeing in that area are asbestos wastes that are doubled plastic bagged and going into an enclosed dumpster, or plastic encased materials from which the asbestos containing materials are to be removed and disposed of. Airborne asbestos fiber should not be developed from properly treated waste, and as a result exposure would not be expected.

As far as a medical check for prior exposure to airborne asbestos fiber is concerned, plant medical surveillance for individuals who work directly in the removal or repair of asbestos containing materials includes the following.

1) Medical examination and consultation with:
   a) spirometry - (breathing checks)
   b) chest x-ray
   c) exams specific to the gastrointestinal, cardiovascular and respiratory systems
   d) completion of medical and work histories information

I trust this information answers the questions you had in mind. If you require further information, please feel free to contact me at extension 5117.

cc: Ben Fugitt

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HOECHST FIBERS INDUSTRIES
SAFETY MEETING REPORT

(FORM #001)

(Complete and forward to the Safety Department immediately after meeting.)

DEPARTMENT Staple B Spin COST CENTER 24-88

CREW: A___ B___ C___ D___ DAYS X

NUMBER IN ATTENDANCE 9

(List attendees on back or attach a list to this report)

TOPIC OF MEETING Asbestos

DATE OF MEETING 4/27/89

TIME MEETING BEGAN 0700

TIME MEETING ENDED 07

MEETING CONDUCTED BY K Williams
(NAME)
Safety Advisor
(TITLE)

GROUP PARTICIPATION: EXCELLENT___
GOOD___
FAIR___
POOR___

LIST ANY SPECIFIC COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS THAT AROSE FROM MEETING:

Area for dumping asbestos is located within 40 feet of the TA Unloading area and performed in open area. The asbestos dumpster is also close to the TA Unloading area Is this safe for TA operatas?
How can you check on effect of our exposure?

(Immediate Supervisor's Signature) 4-27-89 (Date)

(2nd Level Supervisor's Signature) 4-27-89 (Date)

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SAFETY MEETING ATTENDEES

NAME	EMP #	NAME	EMP #
OSCAR McKissick	41076		
Billy Vinson	43664		
Mike Mohr	22174		
Ronnie Fortenberry			
Tony Gettys	28290		
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Randy Knobles	41317		
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