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Ms. Tina Grenig
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Re: _____ Dec'd.
Claim No. 98-632526, et al.
Sherwin Williams

Dear Tina:

This letter is to report my attendance at the Industrial Commission hearing held on June 6, 2000 in Lima, Ohio regarding the allowance of the above death claim. The hearing officer was Dan Lortie. The widow claimant was in attendance with attorney Darla Kaikis from the Larrimer law firm. Also present was Mr. Ferguson from C&B Heckler Corporation (Martz Cabinets).

Ms. Kaikis reviewed the claim and the affidavit regarding claimant's work history. She stated that the last "injurious exposure" to hazardous elements was not with Sherwin Williams and her "first two target employers" in this claim were C&B Heckler Corporation and PK Lumber. She felt there was limited exposure from PK Lumber, which was claimant's last employer for a brief period from January through March of 1985. She discussed claimant's affidavit and the medical evidence in the file, including the research reports and the report of Dr. Gutterman from Ohio State University who is an oncologist. Ms. Kaikis concluded by stating that claimant had been exposed to hazardous materials and Dr. Gutterman's report supported the allowance of the death claim based upon claimant's injurious exposure and the causal relationship of claimant's leukemia to his employment and resulting death.

In rebuttal, I did not admit that there was any hazardous exposure when claimant was with Sherwin Williams and I agreed with claimant's attorney that if the death claim was allowed, Sherwin Williams was not the proper employer.

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