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EMPLOYEE/PENSIONER EPIDEMIOLOGY STUDY
ASBESTOS-RELATED ABNORMALITIES

We have reviewed your study proposal of employees/pensioners who have or will, as part of the ongoing program, be identified as having abnormalities related to asbestos exposure while working for Du Pont. We have no fundamental objection to the study, but would urge consideration of certain elements.

Data collection for the number of asbestos-related lung abnormality cases will represent a task for which limited resources will be available. This will have to be considered carefully from a timing standpoint, and possibly doing the work here in Wilmington vs. at the sites. Further, we are finding it difficult to appreciate the value of the study to the sites in managing their cases. It will not provide to departments, statistical data that is not already available to them.

Although funding was not discussed, we believe consideration should be given to justification on its scientific merit and be funded corporately.

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