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SMFMA Directors Meeting - Dust Problem

After extended discussion at the SMFMA Directors Meeting on March 22nd, it is learned that both Baldwin-Ehret-Hill and Smith & Kanzler expect, within 60 or 90ndays, to have on the market a dust-treated product and, preparatory to their accomplishing this it is desired to run one more industry test, which test will be run by Asbestospray wherein, using one pound of water to one pound of fiber and a 16-jet air atomizing gun at a spray rate of 15 lbs. a minute, Asbestospray dust levels will be tested at distances of 10', 20', 40' and 60' from the hopper and from the spray gun.

From this test series, we should learn at what distance Asbestospray is safe, that is, below 5 million parts per cubic foot, and then, immediately upon the completion of the dust treatment research by S & K and B-E-H, run a whole series of tests at that safe distance of all industry products, with a view to positioning Mr. Bradley to render to each member company a certification that at (X) feet distant from the hopper and at (X) feet distant from the spray nozzle the concentration of asbestos dust is less than 5 million parts.

One problem is finding a site, perhaps a shed type building with no side walls, one floor, a minimum of 100 feet square which, hopefully, would be available for immediate testing and then be available in the future for futher testing, so that we can at least duplicate test conditions from point of location, etc. Obviously, we are concerned with humidity on different days of different tests, wind velocity and the relationship between wind direction and where the samples were taken.

If either of you have any suggestion on where such a site might be obtained, it might be helpful as apparently finding the right site is going to be a factor in delaying the initial tests.

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