

December 15, 1969

Following are some comments on your operating and housekeeping recommendations contained in your report:

- Item 1 Insulation materials now in the Engineering Standards do not contain crocidolite asbestos. We have asked the Purchasing Department that new materials be checked to make sure they do not contain crocidolite asbestos. You and other plants, of course, should also check out any new materials not in the Standards that you propose to use.
- Item 3 Take samples with membrane filters - all concerned groups are in agreement with this.
- Item 4 Specify "Torrit" dust collector (consider for Engineering Standards). We have no basis on which to comment on specific equipment. Our over-all goal is to meet the TLV and the necessary means to do so would be best determined by you. However, please keep us advised of specific equipment, data, tests, etc., so that we can pass this information on to other plants.
- Item 5
& 6 Same rationale as for Item 4.
- Item 7 Approved vacuum cleaners - does sampling show that existing vacuum cleaners are creating a problem? We would be interested in your investigation of existing and new equipment for dissemination to other plants.
- Item 9 Agree with your statement on proper ventilation of shops; however, your recommendation of monthly inspections and IBM reminders for exhaust systems should be your decision, based on the cost involved and whether you feel this is justified, as some of these specific items should be continually checked by personnel performing and supervising the operations.

Referring to our March, 1968 proposal, what is your feeling on the following:

- Should we allow spraying of asbestos-containing material (6 states now have a law against this).
- Have you considered vacuuming shipping boxes before opening completely and removing contents?
- Concerning cements, these can be bought in small plastic bags (vs. 100 lb. sacks) which would allow you to wet down the contents before dumping.

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