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ELIMINATION OF DUSTY CONDITIONS

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Operations involving manual handling of asbestos in any plant shall be considered in an area in which employees shall be required to wear adequate respiratory equipment.

Pre-Employment Physical Examinations

Before any applicant for employment is hired, the history of his previous employment should be fully developed. If there is a questionable history of exposure to asbestos or an indicated partial lung disability such as tuberculosis, the applicant shall not be employed in any plant until he satisfactorily passes an X-ray examination.

The occupational history of all applicants for employment should be fully recorded on Employment Data and Application Card, Form 1614 - 12/52 Revised, for all applicants hired.

RESPIRATORS

Only respirators approved by the United States Bureau of Mines may be purchased and used for protection against injurious dusts. In other locations it may be well to provide Martindale Protective Masks to employees to minimize the inhalation of nuisance dusts.

Employees exposed to high concentrations of dust on infrequent jobs such as mixer clean out, screen retarder, sweeping or cleaning under very dusty conditions, etc., shall be required to wear an approved filter-type respirator.

A complete list of such respirators, entitled "List of Respiratory Protective Devices Approved by Bureau of Mines", Information Circular No. 7636, is available at no cost from the United States Department of Interior Bureau of Mines, Washington, D. C.

Care of Respirators

Respirators shall not be interchanged among employees and shall be washed and sterilized by one of the following methods before reissue to the same employee: (NOTE: Remove filter units before sterilizing and washing.)

1. Immerse respirator in a 1-to-2-per cent solution of creosol. Rinse thoroughly and allow to dry.