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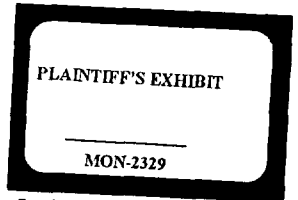
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The Texas City Plant had an OSHA inspection last week initiated by complaints of newly assigned pipefitters involved in asbestos insulation removal. Their complaint was that they were exposed to asbestos without adequate protection and indoctrination into its hazards. It seems ironic that this is a plant in which we have an ideal asbestos monitoring program in which safety, industrial hygiene, and medicine have all acted cooperatively to get a good handle on asbestos exposure problems. The problems seem to be a lack of communication between those involved in the new job assignment negotiations and the people responsible for health monitoring. This could result in a citation. We certainly will put these newly assigned employees on an asbestos monitoring program.

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