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REMINDER

MEDICAL ASPECTS OF OSHA REGULATIONS CONCERNING ASBESTOS EXPOSURE

The Du Pont Engineering Standard No. S-4-T describes the measurement and control of asbestos dust exposure. It meets OSHA regulations. However, it omits certain paragraphs which involve the Medical Division. It may be well to summarize these medical aspects to supplement your engineering standards.

1. Medical Examinations (cf. Section 1910.93a, paragraph "j")

In addition to preplacement and termination medical examinations, each asbestos worker must have an annual physical exam (chest x-ray, pulmonary function test, and history of symptomatology). We should not overlook the annual exam for those who are 40 years old or younger.

2. Records

Sampling records for personnel monitoring and/or environmental surveys are to be kept for 3 years. Medical examination records are to be maintained for 20 years.

3. Sampling Frequency

Monitoring is required to determine the employee's exposure. The intervals between sampling shall not exceed 6 months.

The Industrial Hygiene Laboratory (Ext. 2579) is available for any assistance you may need to assure continuing compliance.

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