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September 13, 1971

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Medical Director

William M. Johnson, M.D.
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National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health
550 Main Street
Federal Office Building, Room 7033
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

Dear Dr. Johnson:

The following reports and correspondence from my personal Port Allegany Plant file, in which you had indicated an interest, are enclosed for your information:

1. Report of Survey, June 9-10, 1964, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Health, Division of Occupational Health;
2. Letter dated 1/27/66 from Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Pittsburgh Corning Corporation, Port Allegany;
3. Report on Industrial Survey of Selected Process Operations performed April 14-15, 1966 at Pittsburgh Corning's Port Allegany Plant by Dr. Morton Corn for Industrial Hygiene Foundation;
4. Report on Industrial Hygiene Survey of Selected Plant Operations, August 27-28, 1968 at Port Allegany by Dr. Morton Corn;
5. Bill from Port Allegany Community Hospital listing names of Pittsburgh Corning Employees of Plant #8, Port Allegany, who were given chest x-rays;
6. Memorandum for Record of Dr. L. B. Grant, dated August 24, 1971, Subject: Telephone Call from Dr. William Johnson, N.I.O.S.H.;
7. Environmental Survey Summary, Asbestos Dust in Port Allegany Unibestos Plant;
8. List of all Pittsburgh Corning employees who have or are now working in Unibestos production from February, 1964 to August 27, 1971;
9. List of Pittsburgh Corning employees x-rayed in April, 1971;
10. Memorandum of J. R. Murray, Personnel Manager, Port Allegany, to All Employees, dated August 23, 1971, Subject: Use of Respirators;
11. Memorandum of G. B. Botera, Port Allegany, to All Guards, dated August 26, 1971, Subject: Duties of Guards Relative to Respirators.

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The following reports of studies performed at the University of California (Berkeley), which you requested, are enclosed. Please keep these reports confidential until after the authors have had an opportunity to publish them.

1. "Dust-Producing Potential of Construction Materials"
2. "Dust-Producing Potential of Construction Materials, Phase II"

When I receive a copy of Dr. Hurst's study of the Tyler employees, I will send the same to Mr. Martin C. Wukasz, P.E. Director, Division of Occupational Health and Radiation Control, Texas State Department of Health, who will forward a copy to you as he advised in his August 30, 1971, letter to you.

In my opinion, Pittsburgh Corning Corporation has shown a rather outstanding sense of responsibility in the matter of its asbestos-containing thermal pipe insulation, both toward its own employees and those employees in the insulation trade who must install and tear out such materials, in their actions leading to the decision to manufacture an asbestos-free thermal pipe insulation.

It is also my opinion that it would be in the best interest of both the Tyler and Port Allegany Plants' employees if the Temporary Variance requested under O.S.H.A. by the Pittsburgh Corning Corporation were granted to enable time for transition to the asbestos-free product. In meetings that I personally just concluded with the Pittsburgh Corning employees working in unibestos and their Union Officers in which I explained in detail both the hazards of asbestos, the Variance Request and their rights for a hearing under O.S.H.A., all appeared to favor the company's actions in connection with the Variance Request. It is hoped that a favorable response to the Pittsburgh Corning Variance Request will be forthcoming from the Assistant Secretary for Occupational Safety and Health.

Lastly, if possible, I would appreciate a copy of your trip report on Port Allegany; also a copy of the various forms to be used by the Morgantown people in conjunction with the examination program.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lee E. Grant, M.D.
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Medical Director

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. C. P. Olm
Mr. E. W. Holman
Mr. M. Wukasz
Dr. L. Balzer

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PITTSBURGH CORNING CORPORATION

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

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To: C. Olm
Memorandum for the Record
Telephone Call From Mr. James Woodring, Pa.
Subject: Department of Environmental Resources, 9-10-71
From: J. R. Murray
Date: September 13, 1971

Mr. Woodring called to express the concern of the State about the Threshold Limit Value of Asbestos at the Port Allegany Works. He indicated that the respirator program now in effect is accepted by the State only as an interim measure, and if the changeover to mineral wool would take as much as a year, additional control measures would have to be taken. Thus, Mr. Woodring wants Pittsburgh Corning to submit to the State additional information as follows:

1. The proposed date of changeover from asbestos to mineral wool. / Yes
2. What additional control measures are to be installed in the sawing areas of Plant 8, Finishing Department and a proposed completion date. Mr. Woodring mentioned the appropriation request for enclosing the sawing area with improved ventilation and installing hoods at the packing stations. 11/11
3. After completion of these control measures, Pittsburgh Corning should evaluate these improvements in terms of the new Federal Threshold Limit Value which will be adopted by the State.

Mr. Woodring indicated that since the State is obligated to enforce the new Occupational Health and Safety Act, this information would be necessary in order for the State to properly evaluate the Port Allegany situation.

Correspondence regarding the requested information should be sent to:

Mr. E. J. Bair, Director
Department of Environmental Resources
Box 2351, Room 933
Health and Welfare Building
Harrisburg, Pa. 17105

Mr. Woodring concluded by asking if Pittsburgh Corning had heard anything concerning the variance. I indicated to him that as far as I knew, nothing has been heard.

JRM
J.R. Murray

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cc: C. S. Gregory
E. W. Holman

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