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Inter Office Communication

General Parts Division

December 21, 1971

D. T. Pearson

Subject: Dust Exposure and Control - Sheldon Road Plant

Confirming our telephone conversation the following information relative to the subject exposure have been discussed with Paul Toth.

1. Mr. Toth believes that the new dust control hoods will adequately capture the dust generated at deflashing stations if the part is properly positioned in the hood.

2. Industrial Hygiene is scheduling a restudy of these hoods for the week of January 3, 1972. To assure meaningful results the airlines to deflashing tools must be shortened to permit use only at the hood and employees reinstructed in the proper method of positioning the part in the hood. It is understood that the present work standard is based on deflashing within the hood.

3. Mr. Toth proposed to make a companion study at the same time based on particle size rather than number of particles per cubic foot. Mr. Toth expects that early in 1972, the Threshold Limit Value will be changed from 2.0 million particles per cubic foot to no more than 5 fibers greater than 5 microns in length per milliliter of air as done by Phase Microscopy. If the later standard is adopted it is possible that it will not be necessary to complete the installation of the ventilated hoods as past studies indicate we do not exceed the proposed TLV.

4. Based on the results of the companion studies Industrial Hygiene will be requested to recommend whether the hood installation project should proceed immediately or be held in abeyance pending a decision on the proposed change in TLV.

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