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NEWSCASTER: Mayor Lindsay has ordered a halt in all spraying of asbestos at city construction sites, as research shows one out of every five asbestos workers in the metropolitan area dies of lung cancer.

John Lee, spokesman for the city's Environmental Protection Administration, quoted findings yesterday by Dr. Irving Sillicoff of Mt. Sinai Hospital, who has been studying the problem since 1953, showing the 20 per cent death rate.

Once it's been inhaled, it stays in your lungs forever, Leo said.

Mayor Lindsay issued the order to discontinue the use of sprayed asbestos completely wherever possible through his office from the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Denver, Colorado.