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## Memorandum

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To: ORC Occupational Safety and Health Group  
ORC Occupational Safety and Health Physicians Group  
ORC Occupational Safety and Health Lawyers Group

From: Darrell K. Mattheis

Subject: Changes in Medical Surveillance Requirements Under  
the New OSHA Asbestos Standards.

As of December 31, 1986 it is no longer necessary to continue on medical surveillance, an employee who has been exposed to asbestos fibers above the action level if that individual is no longer exposed. This determination, subject to some restrictions was made as a result of a letter to OSHA requesting clarification of the issue. We have attached the letter to OSHA to clarify their response.

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Mr. Robert F. Adams  
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Health and Environmental Affairs  
Diamond Shamrock Chemicals Company  
1149 Ellsworth Drive  
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Dear Mr. Adams:

This is in response to your letter dated September 3, requesting interpretations under the Medical surveillance provisions of the new asbestos standard, reference 29 CFR 1910.1001(1).

More specifically your letter asks whether medical surveillance may be discontinued for employees who are no longer exposed above the action level.

Medical surveillance may be discontinued when employees are removed from exposure at or above the action level with the following provisions:

- 1) Medical surveillance shall not be discontinued for a particular employee, if the individual may be exposed above the action level at any future time.
- 2) Where exposure is discontinued a periodic exam must be performed approximately 1 year after the last exposure above the action level; and
- 3) These employees must be provided with a termination exam when employment ends.

Please feel free to contact us if further assistance is needed.

Sincerely,

John B. Miles, Jr., Director  
Directorate of Field Operations

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