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Firestone

TO J. E. STIRRETT

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Industrial Hygiene

FROM KEN HOWARD

DATE APRIL 1, 1985

REFERENCE

SUBJECT OSHA INSPECTION - EMPLOYEE COMPLAINT

On Friday, March 29, 1985, at approximately 9:30 a.m., OSHA Industrial Hygiene Compliance Officer Harold Carter presented himself at the plant. The purpose of his visit was to conduct an inspection based on an employee complaint (see attached.) Entrance was granted and the Union was notified as required with J. Wagoner being the designated representative.

An inspection of the complaint areas was conducted by the Compliance Officer accompanied by J. Wagoner, D. Robinson and K. Howard. The purpose of the inspection was to view each area of the complaint to determine if follow up air samples would be required as stated by Mr. Carter. After viewing each area and taking a photograph the inspection was concluded at approximately 11:00 a.m.. A brief closing meeting was conducted by Mr. Carter whereby he stated that in his opinion further investigation and air sampling would not be required. His visual observations were such that "there is no asbestos exposure that even approaches the OSHA exposure levels". With that, the inspection was concluded and Mr. Carter exited the plant.

As an addendum it should be noted that this identical subject had recently been the subject of a meeting between Union and Management representatives. As a result, it was investigated by the writer and the Union was advised that an exposure problem does not exist in this area nor does an OSHA violation.

KEN HOWARD
KH:jv

cc: B. E. Young; T. L. Aldrich; J. L. Tibbs, T. I. Georgiadis; J. S. Lepkowski

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Notice of Alleged Safety or H[illegible]n Hazards

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Occupational Safety and [illegible] Administration

MOD Date

1. Complaint Number ▶ 70944913

2. Employer Name
Firestone Tire & Rubber Company - Decatur

3. Site Location (Street, City, State, ZIP)
2500 N. 22nd St., Decatur, Illinois 62526

4. Mailing Address (if different) (Street, City, State, ZIP)

5. Management Official

6. Telephone Number
428-2141

7. Type of Business
Transport, Light Truck & Car tires

8. Hazard Description. Describe briefly the hazard(s) which you believe exist. Include the approximate number of employees exposed to or threatened by each hazard:

1. Asbestos pipe insulation on platen & booster steam pipes on curing lines F & E, D & C & B above P.C.I. in back of N.R.M. curing presses are exposed in places due to damaged wrapping.

2. The platen asbestos pads on top and bottom of N.R.M presses are broken and the vibration is causing asbestos powder to contaminate the area around the mold shields and some of the asbestos is becoming airborne.

3. Asbestos lines on the blatter presses have been damaged and fans are blowing on this damaged asbestos.

4. Asbestos on top domes of N-10-55" Bagomatic curing press for heavy duty tires is broken and deteriorated and being blown about.

9. Hazard Location. Specify the particular building or worksite where the alleged violation exists

The curing department, Department 132, In curing the front half of pass,tire cure 40" NRM presses, heavy duty truck tire cure & blatter curing. Potentially all press platens not replaced with non-asbestos pads & disregarded & unmaintained to be out of line by methods and operations set forth by N.R.M. Co. & for their equipment.

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