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TO: J. C. Lofland

FROM: J. C. Warner

ASBESTOS DUST

Status:

Chambers Works, Engineering Department personnel are handling and using asbestos containing materials, which through dusting could constitute a health hazard as respirable asbestos dust.

Law

On Wednesday, June 7, 1972, the Federal Register, Vol. 37, No. 110, published the national law on this matter. It appears as Title 29 - Labor, Chapter XVII - Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor. Part 1910 - Occupational Safety and Health Standards. Standard for Exposure to Asbestos Dust.

Interpretation:

This federal regulation is interpreted as requiring employers to do certain things to show compliance. Some of those things are becoming urgent on a time basis.

1. The initial standard exposure limit of five fibers per c.c. of air became effective July 7, 1972.

2. To determine the degree of compliance, employers are required to monitor environments and individuals between June 7, 1972 and December 7, 1972.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that each Engineering division review all uses of asbestos containing materials and report each use for evaluation as a potential dust exposure hazard.

Where a potential asbestos dust exposure hazard does exist, a monitoring program must be established to determine the degree of compliance within standard exposure limits.

If any excessive exposure areas are found, a compliance program should be established immediately.

An official record keeping system should be established and made readily available to Management for reference on such occasions as a visit from OSHA Inspector.

The Technical Services Section will assist each Engineering division with potential hazard evaluation and setting up a monitoring program.

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