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SUBJECT: Dust Controls

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On 2/8/68, I met in Cincinnati with J. R. Lynch, Assistant Chief, Environmental Activities, Field Studies, Occupational Health Program, U. S. Public Health Service, for the purpose of discussing dust controls.

We agreed in general with our plan of approach to the problem at Libby, that is (1) an industrial hygiene survey for purposes of counting and analyzing the airborne dust, identifying areas of air contamination and recommending corrective action; (2) complete work histories on all 32 employees who show abnormal chest X-Rays; and (3) up to date chest X-Ray pictures on the 32 to be reviewed by an expert in pulmonary diseases.

Regarding dust particle sizes to be counted there was a difference of opinion, you will recall, between our J-M advisors and Maryland Casualty. J-M recommended counting all particles under 10 microns in size. Maryland Casualty recommended counting all over 5 microns. Lynch concurred with J-M.

Lynch also stressed, as did J-M, the importance of good housekeeping and scheduled checking of mechanical dust removal equipment, chutes, conveyors, elevators, etc.

I think we now have enough advice and information to go ahead as follows:

1. Arrange for J-M Industrial Hygienists to do the survey and laboratory work as proposed. If it is agreeable to you and Dutch Blench I'd like to set this up as soon as possible after March 1, 1968.
2. Write up work histories, patterned after the attached sample, on the 32 employees in question. This should of course be done by Libby management personnel. The importance of clarity and completeness should be stressed. This project should be started immediately.
3. Repeat chest X-Rays on the 32 employees in question. As I recall, this annual examination is due in April or May. If this is the case, we should wait until then so as not to arouse undue apprehension.

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