Of the 78,056 short tons of domestic production in 1965, 66 percent were produced in California and 31 percent* in Vermont, amounting to 97 percent of the total production. This 97 percent was produced and processed in five counties.[170] More than 50 percent of the 124 plants comprising the asbestos products industry were located (in 1963) in the States of California, New Jersey, Illinois, Pennsylvania, and Texas, in decreasing order.[41]

Bobyleva et al.[24,25] have shown that the air can be polluted by asbestos from plants manufacturing asbestos products. This asbestos may be carried in the air for distances of 25 to 50 miles. In a study of asbestos air pollution from three plants in the U.S.S.R., they found that at a distance of 3 km from the plant, the dust concentration ranged from 0 to 6,000 $\mu g/m^3$; at 1.0-1.5 km it was 3,000-33,000 $\mu g/m^3$; and at 0.5 km it was 6,000 to 34,000 $\mu g/m^3$.

In the United States some attempts[206] have been made to determine the concentration of asbestos near asbestos factories, but the asbestos content of the atmosphere was masked by the other dusts. Asbestos fibers were detected, but a quantitative count was not possible.

3.3 Product Sources

The uses of asbestos are numerous. Some products which use asbestos are the following: asbestos cement which may be

*Extrapolated.

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