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TO: Mr. E. C. Bernhardt
Mr. F. A. Reynolds
Mr. S. E. Tallo, Sr.



FROM: V. J. Gentile

SUBJ: Use of Asbestos

The subject of Asbestosis has again been given prominence in medical articles and has been brought up by our insurance carrier as an exposure which could cause expensive occupational disease claims.

While we feel that our present exhaust systems, if operating at maximum efficiency, may be adequate according to guide lines established by the Industrial Hygienists Organization, we are not at all certain they are adequate enough to prevent harmful effects, due to fact that standards relating to allowable concentration of asbestos in airborne dusts have not been established in the industrial use of the product.

It was for this reason that Management did establish a mandatory rule to the effect that each employee coming in constant contact with or handling asbestos (scale area, banbury, pigment, clean-ups) must wear Bureau of Mines approved dust masks at all times.

Will you please advise whether such dust masks are now being worn at all times by employees affected. Also, will you please advise the method you employ as a follow up to enforce the rule.

Naturally, you will not discuss the matter of Asbestosis with the Union or men working with asbestos.

V. J. Gentile

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