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INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

FROM INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE
DAVENPORT WORKS

To MR. G. H. WALTER
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C O N F I D E N T I A L

RE: INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE COMMITTEE MEETING
OCTOBER - 1964

PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT

AL-302

The October meeting of the Davenport Industrial Hygiene Committee was held October 22, 1964, in the private dining room of the Main Cafeteria. Attending the meeting were Messrs. C. L. Huey, G. J. Myers, Ron Small, W. C. Harvey, B. D. Kent, G. H. Walter, R. G. Wardrop, and Dr. Shafer.

Four dozen special ear muffs have been obtained, thirty of which are to be placed in the Foil Mill by the end of this week. These will be placed in the areas of the No. 3 Mill, #11 Trimmer, and Lindberg Furnace. Ear muffs minus the head and ear cushions will be issued to the areas needed, and the operators will be issued ear and head cushions separately for sanitary reasons.

The duct work on No. 1 Scalper has been coated. The area of the scalper has been checked out with the Davenport noise level instrument and found to be within a safe range. A shop order is being circulated to cover the cost of coating No. 2 Scalper Ducts.

It was reported that the exhaust system, tools, etc. for sawing marinite are on order. The marinite problem with respect to skin irritation is not as acute as we were heretofor informed.

A copy of a newspaper clipping was presented to the committee which is attached to Mr. Bonney's copy of the minutes of this meeting for his comments. This newspaper article concerns asbestos as a possible cause of lung cancer.

A new cleaning unit is being set up in the Foil Mill to clean doctor blades, rolls, and so forth. The cleaning solution used is Magnus No. 704 which we are informed contains ketones, glycols, emulsifiers, detergents, etc. which should present no major hazard, however, its performance will be observed carefully.

An odor problem was reported during the month in the area of the No. 5 Wax Laminator in the Foil Mill. The situation was checked and it was found that the odor was not that of strong ammonia as reported but only a trace. The major odor was alcohol. Further checking will be done on this unit.

It is planned to proceed immediately with a RA to provide a hearing booth and equipment in the Medical Department. This will be used for pre-employment and management personnel surveys gradually working into more extensive investigations.

A formal report of treated alodine wastes will be set up as a check to prevent hexovalent chromium from being dumped to industrial waste.

The Committee requests that any questions concerning FDA problems be referred to W. C. Harvey since he is the F & DA representative for the Davenport Works.

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Tom - have we had
- any from Walter
or then?

It was reported that the State Department of Health was planning to visit the Plant in the very near future to consult on a heat problem arising from a complaint from one of the brick masons who claimed he was requested to enter a melting furnace which was not sufficiently cooled.

W. C. HARVEY

J. H. LOWRY

WCH/JHL:kk

Would appreciate any
answers re such things as
lung cancer and asbestos be
cleared through me - I noticed
one such answer in the
material I scanned today
that I'm not so sure I
agree with. Along the same
line I would like to have
certain cases of signs &
symptoms ^{supposedly} related to exposure
reviewed with me - eg.
dermatitis.

W.C.

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Asbestos Is Linked To Cancer

NEW YORK (AP) — Medical specialists pointed a strong finger of suspicion today at asbestos as a cause not only of lung cancer, but also of another extremely rare form of fatal human cancer.

This cancer, known as mesothelioma, involves the lining of the abdominal and chest cavities. Much of their evidence comes from autopsy studies of men working with asbestos as an insulation material.

But they said it also is possible that dust from products containing asbestos might be exposing people generally to some risk of cancers.