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GENERAL

July 16, 1942

To: Mr. Glen J. Christner
Mr. J. L. Ash
Mr. C. B. Lynde

Attached is a photostat of the correspondence between Humble Oil and Refining Company and the Texas State Board of Health in connection with Superint. Block.

I believe that the letter signed by Dr. Cox, dated April 11th, gives us a clean bill of health, and inasmuch as there is a possibility that you may hear something about this situation, we thought you would like to have copies of the correspondence.

Douglas Via

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att./s

INTRA-COMPANY



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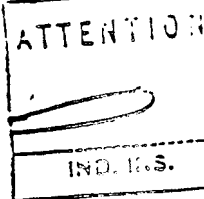
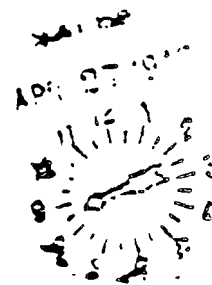
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Mr. T. C. Carter

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(Supertamp)



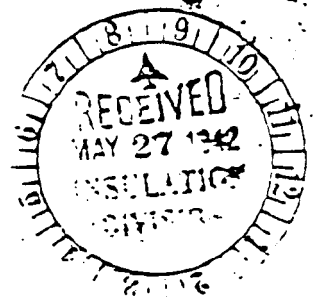
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A. B. Lynde
C. B. Lynde

CBL/s

cc: Mr. H. M. Aber

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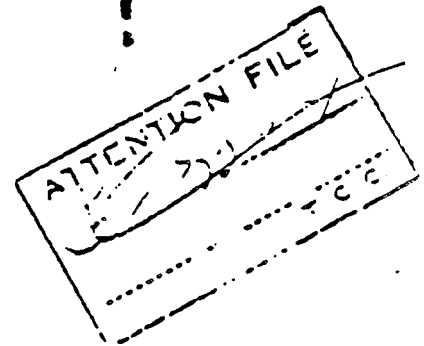


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CINCINNATI GENERAL

May 21, 1942
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Mr. Clyde B. Lynde

JOPLIN OFFICE -

If you have not already sent to Cincinnati the original letters written by the Texas State Board of Health, regarding the application of Sup r "66" creating a health hazard, I wish you would please mail them to us at once.

It is my intention to have these letters photostated and to furnish copies to a few of our salesman who may have occasion to use this evidence.

Doug Via is out of the office for a few days and while I have searched his files I have been unable to locate these letters, hence, assume that you have not sent them to us.

T. C. Carter

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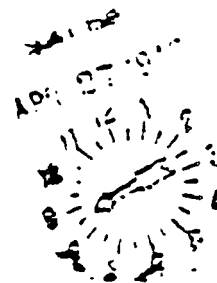
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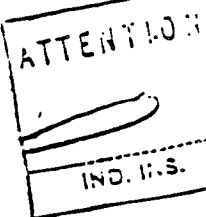
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(Supertamp file)



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THE EAGLE-PICHER SALES COMPANY
GENERAL OFFICES - CINCINNATI

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Mr. Carter

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Regards
Abe

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P.C. Carter

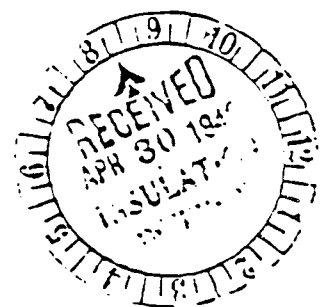
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Regards
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4-28-42 LTR



April 27, 1942.

Mr. L. J. Vieler,
Safety Department
Humble Oil & Refining Company
Baytown, Texas.

Dear Mr. Vieler:

Complying with your request, when I was in your office recently, that I furnish you information as to where you could procure the article on asbestos, as compiled by Dr. S. E. Glazne of London and Dr. E. R. A. Herriwether of Birmingham, England.

You may write the International Labor Office in Washington, D. C., and request a copy of the Occupation and Health Supplement, dated 1938, containing the article on Asbestos as compiled by the above doctors.

Mr. Vieler I have written Dr. Cox' Office in Austin, Texas, requesting that he furnish you copy of Messrs. Cardiff and Harless's letter which started all the controversy regarding our Supertemp Block.

Again thanking you for the interest shown in our behalf, we are

Yours very truly,

THE EAGLE-PICHER SALES COMPANY

H. M. Alar
Insulation Division

HMA/s

cc: Mr. T. C. Carter
cc: Mr. Douglas Via
cc: Mr. C. B. Lynde

cc: Mr. Tolson
cc: Mr. E. A. Tamm
cc: Mr. Clegg

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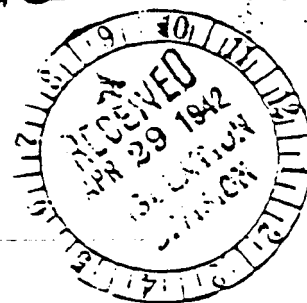
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APR 29 1942



HUMBLE OIL & REFINING COMPANY

BEST ADDRESS

CITY DALLAS

STATE TEXAS

PERSON INTERVIEWED

Mr. L. J. Wilor, Head of Safety Department
Mr. F. E. Kelley, Insulation Foreman

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EAGLE-PICHER SALES COMPANY

INDUSTRIAL CONTACT REPORT

FOR YOUR QUOTATION

FOR YOUR LETTER

FOR MY LETTER

FOR CUSTOMER'S LETTER

SALESMAN

H. M. AMER

DATE

4-15-42

COPIES TO

Mr. T. C. Carter

Mr. Douglas Vial

Mr. C. E. Lynde

WE ARE GETTING _____% OF THEIR BUSINESS
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TO SALESMAN - DO NOT WRITE
IN THIS COLUMN)

TYPES OF EQUIPMENT

PRODUCT NOW USED AND CURRENT PRICES: -

SALESMAN'S COMMENTS

I am happy to report that the block situation at this plant is now cleared up, due to a letter received from Dr. George V. Cox, State Health Department, Austin, Texas, in which he states that Eagle Supertemp is strictly non-toxic per se. Meaning, according to Mr. Wilor, that Eagle Supertemp Block is non-poisonous and does not contain any free silica.

I have quite an interesting file on this recent controversy occurring between Humble Oil, ourselves and the Texas State Board of Health. However, it isn't quite complete as I am trying to get a copy of the original letter written by the two Humble employees who started all the trouble. As soon as I get this copy I will send my copy to Joplin to be photostated, at which time the Joplin Office will please furnish Mr. L. J. Wilor of Humble Oil & Refining Company a copy of the complete file.

During the time which has transpired since we got in the "dog house" with Humble over Supertemp they have placed a sizable order for Unibestos Blocks, which according to Mr. Kelley they are now preparing to cancel, providing it isn't too late, and use Eagle Supertemp instead. Mr. Kelly also advised that they have in stock a sizable quantity of the same.



TEXAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

GEO. W. COX, M.D., STATE HEALTH OFFICER

AUSTIN

April 11, 1942

L. O. GOSLEY, M.D., CLINICAL
POST OFFICE
W. B. HARRISON, M.D., CLINICAL
TEASDALE
HUBERT JACKSON, D.D.S., DENTIST
SAN ANTONIO
H. W. VAN HORN, D.D.S., DENTIST
ST. PETERSBURG
W. B. VANCE, D.D.S., DENTIST
MONTICELLO

Humble Oil & Refining Company
Safety Department
Baytown, Texas

Attention: Mr. Wiler

Dear Sir:

Mr. Harold M. Aber of the Eagle Picher Sales Company, has recently visited our office and requested that we write to you regarding our examination of a certain insulating material manufactured by his company, and examined by us at the request of Messrs. C. R. Cardiff and H. H. Harlson. He is of the opinion that our letter in regard to the potential hazards of this type of material has been misconstrued in such a way as to adversely affect the use of his product. Our position is as follows:

An examination by our Laboratory was limited to the establishment of the identity of the material as a so-called mineral wool. Observations in our letter as to precautions in use refer to this type of material in general rather than to this product in particular, and is based largely on information drawn from "Occupation and Health" published by the International Labor Office.

He has asked that we make a specific statement regarding Silicosis and Dermatitis hazards in the use of this type of material. We find no reported cases of Silicosis arising from its use. The material is not to be regarded as toxic per se. Our position is that workers should be protected from excessive exposure to dust regardless of kind.

As for Dermatitis our examination of the material would show nothing specific that would allow us to make a prediction. Individual susceptibility of exposed workers and extent of exposure often are major factors. Irritant action on the skin of this class of material has been reported not infrequently.

If we can supply you with any further information regarding this or any other Public Health problem, please feel free to call upon us.

Yours very truly,

Geo. W. Cox, M. D.
State Health Officer

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EAGLE-PICHER SALES COMPANY
INDUSTRIAL CONTACT REPORT

OUR QUOTATION

OUR LETTER

BY LETTER

CUSTOMER'S LETTER

SALESMAN H. M. ARTE

COPIES TO Mr. E. C. CARTER

DATE 4-2-12

Mr. Douglas V. L.

Mr. C. E. Lynde

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TYPES OF EQUIPMENT

PRODUCT NOW USED AND CURRENT PRICES: -

SALESMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Kirby, Asst. to Dr. Cox, State Health Officer.
Mr. V. B. Yardlow, Chemical Engineer in charge of
Texas State Board of Health Laboratories.
Mr. Dabney, of Dr. Cox' office.

him
I tried to contact Dr. Cox but found/to be at home ill. I was referred to his assistant Mr. Kirby who later referred me to Mr. V. B. Yardlow of their laboratory. It seems that Mr. Yardlow, by his admission, wrote the letter to the two employees, Messrs. C. B. Cardiff, E. E. Earlson, of the Humble Oil & Refining Company, with regard to the sample of Supertemp Block which these two men sent to Dr. Cox for his opinion as to whether or not the handling of the block was injurious to workmen. However, the letter was signed by Dr. Cox.

Mr. Yardlow and I reviewed their entire file on the Supertemp test, which in reality was not a test. Mr. Yardlow had answered the letter written to Dr. Cox by Messrs. Cardiff and Earlson by quoting from a book - "Occupation and Health" as compiled by the International Labor Office, which dealt with slag and mineral wool hazards to users in a general way. However, this letter did not mention the authority on which his opinion was based, therefore, his letter which incidently was over the signature of Dr. Cox.

Refining Company.

Mr. Yardlow readily saw that we had been placed in an awkward and costly position and he has promised to help straighten things out in our favor. He told me that he doesn't feel that Supertemp is any more harmful than the majority of insulations now being used. He says that he did run a spectograph test and could not find any free silica, therefore, in his opinion silicosis would not result from handling this material. At this point I prevailed upon him to write Mr. Wiler of Humble Oil & Refining Company's Safety Department in Baytown, Texas, advising him that silicosis would not occur to workmen handling the material. He promised to do this and to also point out that the opinions voiced in his letter were meant to deal with mineral wool in general rather than with a specific product. He has asked that I write his Department a letter in the form of a formal request for a clearer definition of his letter. As a matter of form I have done this while in his office. He is to write his letter to Mr. Wiler of Humble the latter part of this week and is to send two copies to me in Houston. As soon as I receive them I will contact Humble...

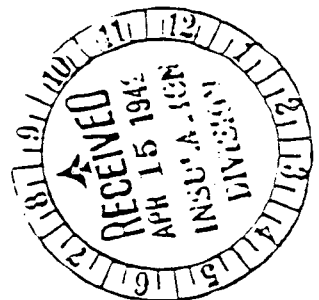
While in Mr. Yardlow's office I had the opportunity to read a section in "Occupation and Health", as compiled by the International Labor Institute, on asbestos, compiled in 1938. This article was by Dr. S. R. Gloyne of London, England and Dr. E. R. A. Merivether of Birmingham, England. If you think mineral wool is dangerous you should read this. You may secure a copy of this article by writing the International Labor Office in Washington, D. C., and request a copy of the article on Asbestos by the two above doctors as published in the Occupation and Health Supplement, dated 1938. Urge you to read this as it is very informative. I also read an article in a magazine by the name of "Industrial Medicine" written by Dr. Walter J. Siebert, which apparently covers some very exhaustive research on handling of glass wool by workmen. This is in the January 1942 issue of this magazine, I believe. It might be well that you read this also.

Page No. 3 Texas State Board of Health, Austin, Texas.

I should mention that Wardlow will contact Humble in person to make any reasonable test on Supertemp relative to its being injurious to workmen, if requested by either Humble or ourselves. If we are sure of ourselves on this product this might be the thing to do, as his opinion would be worth having in an authoritative report. Let me know if you would like to have him visit the Humble plant, as I believe it can be easily arranged. There is one thing to remember, however, Mr. Wardlow being in the employ of the State is going to be a bit reluctant to make any definite statements with regards to any product being absolutely harmless to workmen, as his position with the State Department more or less forces him to "ride the fence" so to speak.

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OF 4-8-42 REPORT



April 8, 1942

Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer
State Department of Health
Austin, Texas

Dear Doctor Cox:

It has come to our attention that on or about December a letter was received in your office from Messrs. C. H. H. Harlson, which accompanied a sample of Supertemp Block of our manufacture. This letter was in the form for an opinion as to whether or not there were any health workmen using this material.

On or about January 6, 1942, your department replied to Messrs. Harlson and Cardiff, in which you covered the uses of mineral wool in general, rather than confining to the uses of Supertemp Insulation Block specifically.

Unfortunately this letter has been misinterpreted that one of our large customers has now prohibited the use of Supertemp Insulating Block in their plant.

May we ask that you please write direct to the Humble Refining Company, Baytown Refinery, Baytown, Texas, to Mr. Wiler, Safety Department, a copy to Messrs. Carter two copies to me and clarify your position as to your use of Supertemp Insulating Block. Apparently the Safety Department of Humble Oil and Refining Company has construed your letter that this product is highly injurious to workmen. They are interested in knowing whether or not, in your opinion, silicosis would result from the use of the above mentioned material.

Yours truly

Harold M.
Eagle Pich
Dist. Engr

GENERAL

March 10, 1942

ATTENTION

IND. INS.

MR. H. M. ABER

DALLAS

Subject: Humble Oil & Refining Company ✓
Baytown, Texas

It is quite disturbing to us to learn from your report of the 26th on your call at the subject plant that the block has been forwarded to the Texas State Board of Health and that the results of the tests have been detrimental to Eagle Supertemp Block.

We have been working on this matter about which you have written for some time, and it is possible that we will have a complete answer for you within the next week to ten days. In the meantime, just do the best you can until we send you complete information.

Douglas Via

cc: Mr. C. B. Lynde

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HUMBLE OIL REFINING COMPANY

1ST ADDRESS _____ CITY BAYTOWN STATE TEXAS
 PERSON INTERVIEWED Mr. F. E. Kelley, Insulation Foreman
Mr. Geo. Weilder, Head of Safety Dept. POSITION _____
 BUSINESS _____ REQUIREMENTS _____

EAGLE-PICHER SALES COMPANY INDUSTRIAL CONTACT REPORT

FOR YOUR QUOTATION _____
 FOR YOUR LETTER _____
 FOR MY LETTER _____
 FOR CUSTOMER'S LETTER _____
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C. B. Lynde

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TYPES OF EQUIPMENT

PRODUCT NOW USED AND CURRENT PRICES:

SALESMAN'S COMMENTS

While Mr. Baldwin and myself were having lunch with Mr. Kelley today he tipped us off that the radical individual in his employ who had caused so much trouble on Supertemp Block had taken the liberty of sending a sample of this material to the Texas State Board of Health and that he had received a letter in reply, as a result of this action, which was certainly detrimental to Eagle Supertemp Block. Mr. Kelley suggested that we contact Mr. Weilder immediately, as he is most anxious to get this matter cleared up, as he still wants to use Supertemp.

Mr. Baldwin and I immediately contacted Mr. Weilder, who gave us first-hand information to the effect that what Mr. Kelley had told us was true. The letter which they received from the State Board of Health indicated that these tests were run by a Baxter Cox, who is located at the state capitol at Austin, Texas. This letter stated that it was highly probable that silicosis could result from handling Eagle Supertemp Block.

As a matter of information I discussed this situation with Mr. Carter when he was in Dallas and he had promised to furnish us with some refuting evidence or information within the next ten days or two weeks. I need not stress the importance in making every effort to get this situation

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the entire southwest, and for that matter throughout the entire country. There is little that I can do for end unless I am furnished strong evidence that the new being made against Supertemp Block are false.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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CONTACT RECORDS COMPANY

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CORRESPONDENCE

DATE January 21, 1942

JOPLIN INSULATION

Mr. T. C. Carter
CINCINNATI OFFICE -

You will recall our conversation regarding the criticism of our Supertemp Block from the applicators. I am attaching three copies of a letter written by Mr. T. L. Smith, Business Agent of Local No. 22, Houston, to The Corbett-Wallace Insulation Corporation. I believe this should definitely stop this criticism and that we will have no further trouble in the Southwest.

You will also recall the correspondence we have had regarding The Humble Oil & Refining Company's workmen handling Supertemp. I am wondering if you have now received the report from Dr. Keyhoe on Supertemp Blocks.

C. B. Lynde
C. B. Lynde

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DATE January 21, 1942

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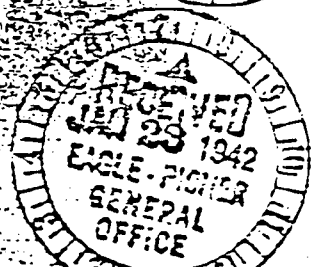
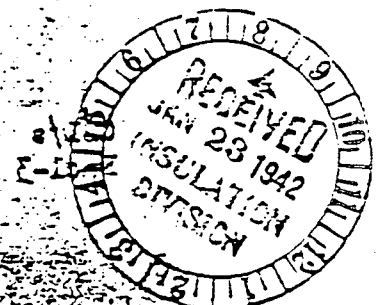
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TEXAS STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

GEO. W. COX, M.D., STATE HEALTH OFFICER

AUSTIN
January 6, 1942

L. O. GOSLEY, M.D., F.A.C.P.
W. P. HARRISON, M.D., F.A.C.P.
J. E. HARRIS, M.D., F.A.C.P.
H. W. JACKSON, M.D., F.A.C.P.
H. W. VAN HORN, M.D., F.A.C.P.
W. B. VANCE, M.D., F.A.C.P.

Mr. C. R. Carliff
P. O. Box 223
La Porte, Texas

Dear Mr. Carliff:

The material submitted by you has been identified by our laboratories as being similar to or identical with the so-called mineral wool on the market under various trade names, consisting essentially of a slag or glass in more or less fibrous condition.

Symptoms similar to those described by you have been commonly reported among workers in the production and handling of this type of material. There is some disagreement as to whether these are caused by the chemical composition or the physical state of the material - both probably play a part. The dust is placed in the pneumoconiosis producing classification.

Where exposure is of any consequence protective measures should be employed. For individual protection there should consist of (1) A Bureau of Mines approved respirator for non toxic dust, (2) Goggles or other eye protection, (3) Supply of protective clothing permitting frequent changes, (4) Bathing facilities.

Without knowing the conditions of exposure it is of course impossible to say to what extent precautions should be taken. It should be possible, however, to handle this material without injury other than occasional skin irritation.

Yours very truly,

Geo. W. Cox, M.D.
State Health Officer

GWC:ts
RSC

For complete correspondence
see "Industrial Hygiene"

December 27, 1941
Box 223
La Porte, Texas

G. W. Cox
State Dept. of Health
Austin, Texas

Dear Sir:

We are sending you a sample of insulation that is being used by one of the larger oil companies. We would like to have you analyze and inform us what affect the continued use of it will have on the body, also lungs, nose and throat.

We have been told that the use of this material is not a matter of necessity as they can get other material, but this is cheaper and that it is not injurious to your health.

We find while applying this material it has a tendency to irritate the lungs, nose and throat. The material sticks in the skin causing a burning feeling that you can not wash off. It also causes a rash to break out on the skin.

It seems to be about 90% dust and we find it impossible to keep from breathing a certain amount and getting a large quantity of it over the body.

We will appreciate an early reply on this matter. Also, Dr. P. J. W of La Porte, Texas, said he would appreciate a copy of your findings.

Yours truly,

(Signed)
C. E. Cardiff
H. E. Harlson



International Association of
Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers

AFFILIATED WITH THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES DEPARTMENT

815 Wilam Blvd.

WALTER'S ADDRESS

LOCAL UNION NO. 22, CITY Houston, STATE

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Corbett-Wallace Insulation Corp.
P.O. Box 42
Houston, Texas

Gentlemen:

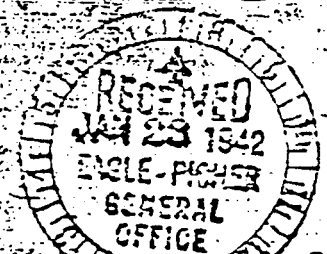
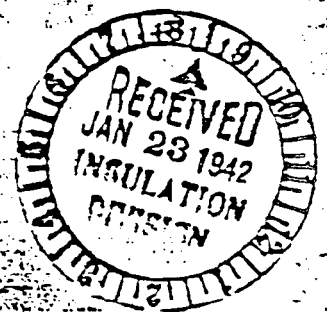
Some time ago you submitted to me a sample Eagle Super temp Insulating block for my inspection. I remember you asked if there would be any objection among the members of our organization to using this product. After talking to the men who have had experience with this block and from my own personal experience can assure you that we feel no differently toward block than we do toward 85% magnesia.

As you know we are at the present time experiencing considerable trouble with fibre glass insulation of its irritating effect on workmen. In the South Conference it has been banded except on direct projects. As far as I can see there is no comparison between your block and fibre glass. For anyone worked with any loose wool product it seems to be the mineral wool block would be considered a more desirable product, at least from a workmen's point of view. Of our local chapter there is at least twenty men that have used it and I find that of these men that one who had a complaint of any kind.

I hope this is the information you will personally think you have a good product. I remember that we of Local #22 will not hesitate to use a desirable product regardless of its manufacturer. If I can give you any further information respect I will be glad to do so.

Yours very truly
Business Agent

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INTRA-COMPANY CORRESPONDENCE

OFFICE JOPLIN INSULATION

DATE October 21, 1941
Dict. 10-20-41

Mr. T. C. Carter

CINCINNATI OFFICE -

Subject: Humble Oil & Refining Company
Houston, Texas.
Supertemp Block Complaint

In regard to the complaint we received from the Corbett-Wallace Insulation Corporation that our Supertemp Blocks were proving unsatisfactory to the Humble Oil & Refining Company at their Baytown Plant.

I called at their plant at Baytown, Texas, October 15, and had a session with Mr. Wm. Reiber, Assistant Chief Engineer, Mr. F. E. Kelley, Insulation Superintendent and Mr. Geo. Wilder, head of the Refinery Safety Department.

Early in the summer this company started purchasing Supertemp in large quantities and shortly thereafter they had a complaint from one of their workmen that the material was irritating him around his neck and on his wrists. Upon thorough investigation they found that out of a crew of approximately 40 men that seven of them had some irritation. One of these workmen (I was not able to get his name) brought up the argument that the Asbestos Workers Local at Houston had placed a ban on all glass, mineral and rock wools, and that were they were being used the men were receiving added compensation for making the application. We conclusively proved that this was in error. The ban has been placed on glass wool, with which you are fully familiar, but it has only reached the conversational stage regarding mineral and rock wools.

We have taken steps at this time to get a letter from the Secretary and Business Agent of the Houston Local to the effect that there are no objections in any way whatsoever to their membership applying any and all of Eagle-Picher's insulating materials. As soon as I get this letter it will be forwarded to you promptly.

Mr. Wilder was quite concerned about the chemical analysis of our Supertemp block and wanted to know if there was any danger of an applicator contracting silicosis. I advised him that we would promptly furnish him a report from a reputable doctor or medical organization in regard to this.

Their other main objection was the excessive amount of dust on the blocks upon their receipt at the job site. I explained about this dust when you were here and I wish you would follow through with Mr. Jones and

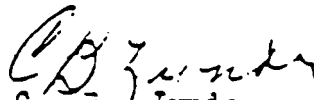
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see that all the superfluous dust is removed from the blocks before they are placed in the carton.

I am forwarding to Mr. Baldwin of the Corbett-Wallace Insulation Corp., a copy of the July Issue of the Asbestos Workers' Journal so he can show these gentlemen on his next trip to Baytown the action the union is taking in regard to glass wool, and that this action definitely does not include mineral or rock wool.

I will stay on top of this situation and keep you fully informed.


C. E. Lynde

CBL/s

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