

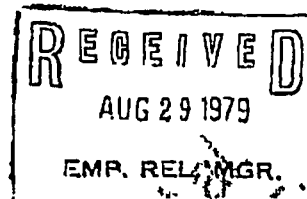
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Dear Mr. Webb:

We are writing in regard to our July 11 tour and meeting at Eaton's Gallatin plant.

First, we appreciate all the company has done since Director Thrasher's visit. Eaton seems well on the way to minimizing the asbestos problem. From your sampling results, it would appear that the grinding operation is in compliance with TOSHA standards. However, you will recall that those standards are based on feasibility considerations for the entire asbestos industry. As you know, there is no safe level for a carcinogen, although the lower the level, the lower the risk. Even at levels as low as 0.2 fibers/cc -- 1/10 of the current standard -- the average worker would inhale about a million asbestos fibers in the course of a workday. Every effort should be made to minimize this exposure. We understand the company is investigating the possibility of eliminating the pad-grinding operation altogether. We would appreciate continuing reports on your program at the regular meetings of the Safety and Health Committee. Until then, the company should investigate the possibility of extra hooding around the No. 1 and No. 2 grinders, in order to minimize the openings and thereby increase the efficiency of the local exhaust system.

The asbestos collector outside the building appears to be a bigger problem. It is likely that the company is not in compliance with TOSHA standards in this area. For example, there are piles of asbestos dust on the ground near the collector. The gravel bed makes it almost impossible to pick up all the asbestos, since some of it falls between the gravel, only to be blown

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