FILE NAME: Pennsylvania Asbestos (PAA)

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Certain-teed

1966 investigation of ~~CT~~ W. Comp. claim for fiberglass exposed worker names safety supervisor Edward Kilgallon + physician A. J. Buckley. — Mountaintop ? rept. by Donald Bottomley M.D.

other inspections of roofing plant fiberglass, silica, slate, ceramics, talc

10/2/68 discussion of asbestos sampling at York Ltd gov. inspector to decide not to do testing

1-11-60 occ. health nursing report on Bestwall Gypsum Co., Certain-teed, Paoli PA names management personnel, no other info

2) 4/27/73 field report on Dublin pipe plant

results of 1972 chest X rays incl. "10 abnormal results" out of 53, rest to be submitted 2/74.

undated printed report (source undisclosed) says workers at C'teed Ft. Washington plant getting lung function tests

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSING CONSULTATION

REGION	COUNTY	DATE
VII	Chester	1-11-60

PLANT NAME Bestwall Gypsum Co. ADDRESS Paoli, Pa. (Industrial Park)
Certain-teed Products Corporation, Research Div.

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE	PRODUCT MANUFACTURED
30			Research & testing

* MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL INTERVIEWED: *Miss Barbara Gatlos, Sec. Mr. J. Vanderbout, Dir. of Personnel Mr. O. F. Grieve, Pl. Mgr.

MANAGEMENT WITH ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEALTH SERVICE:

SICK AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE CARRIER:

COMPENSATION INSURANCE CARRIER: Aetna Ins. Co.

NURSING CONSULTATION TO HEALTH SERVICE PERSONNEL BY INSURANCE CARRIER: YES ☐ NO ☒

SPECIFIC HEALTH PROBLEMS AND HAZARDS:

PHYSICAL FACILITIES:
NUMBER OF ROOMS _____ WAITING ROOM YES ☐ NO ☐

HEALTH SERVICE PERSONNEL:	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	ON-CALL	TIME ON DUTY
Employees are examined by their family physicians and referred to them if medical care is needed.				

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FIRST AID PERSONNEL:

	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE
	1-11-60					
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION PROGRAM (USE X FOR AFFIRMATIVE)	X					
PRE PLACEMENT						
TERMINATION						
PERIODIC						
ALL EMPLOYEES						
SELECTIVE						
SPECIAL TESTS:						
VISUAL SCREENING - SNELLEN MACHINE						
AUDIOGRAM						
E.K.G.						
CHEST PLATE						
OTHER						
LABORATORY:						
URINALYSIS						
BLOOD COUNT						
SEROLOGY						
OTHER						
IMMUNIZATION: (SPECIFY)						
PHYSIOTHERAPY:						
NURSING ACTIVITIES:						
(FUNCTIONS WITHIN SIGNED MEDICAL DIRECTIVES) ☐ YES ☐ NO						
ASSISTS WITH PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS						
FOLLOW-UP						
HEALTH EDUCATION:						
INDIVIDUAL						
GROUP						
PLANT INSPECTIONS						
SANITATION INSPECTIONS (TOURS)						
MEMBER OF SAFETY COMMITTEE						
RECORDS. WHERE KEPT?						
DAILY LOG						
INDIVIDUAL HEALTH RECORD						
TALLY SHEET						
*REFERRAL FORM						
REPORTS:						
DAILY						
MONTHLY						
ANNUAL						
NARRATIVE INCLUDED						
PROCEDURE MANUAL						
COUNSELLING						
HOME VISITS						
MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS						

NARRATIVE

DATE 1-11-60

Mr. Grieve, the plant manager and Mr. Vanderbout were both in Brunswick, Georgia attending a corporation meeting. The consultant talked with Mr. Vanderbout's secretary. The purpose of the visit was interpreted and copies of the F.S.&Q. booklet, "Health Maintenance in Small" and the Division booklet were left with Miss Gattos along with the consultant's card. It was pointed out that the company was too small for a full time nursing service but it might be that services could be shared with other plants as the number of businesses in the park increases. The services of the Division were explained and Miss Gattos was asked to inform management of our desire to be of service.

Frances C. Hickey

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

SAMPLE AND LABORATORY REPORT

REGION V
DATE COLLECTED 9-6-61
DATE SUBMITTED 9-7-61

NAME OF COMPANY: Certain-Teed Products Corp.
ADDRESS: York, Penna.

PRODUCT MANUFACTURED	MATERIAL SAMPLED	APPARATUS
Roofing Product	Particulate	Bulk
COLLECTED BY	**COLLECTION MEDIUM**	**ANALYSIS DESIRED**
Miller	-	Mike Exam

SUBSTANCES LIKELY TO INTERFERE AND LIKELY TO BE PRESENT

COMMENTS

REGION SAMPLE NUMBER	LAB. SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLING LOCATION AND OPERATION	AIR VOLUME	LABORATORY RESULTS
	M-823	Field Sample #1		
		Sweepings from window sill of resident		

REPORT OF ANALYSIS

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ANALYSIS BY A. H. Miller DATE 9-18-61 CHEMIST

CERTAIN-TEED PRODUCTS
Mike Exam.

REGION V
9-7-61
9-18-61

Sample No.

M-823

Traces of particles showing magnetic attraction. Possibly steel or cast iron chips.

3 - 5% cenospheres, 50 - 150 microns in size.

20 - 25% crystalline material appearing as quartz particles.

5 - 8% fine white powder like material, traces of red and brown.

50 - 55% combustion material. Black charred particles, size varies over a wide range.

Traces of a fiberous material 300 - 1200 microns in length, 30 microns in diameter. White, red, and blue.

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Mountaintop, Pa.

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH NURSING CONSULTATION

REGION: V	COUNTY: York	DATE: 4-2-64
PLANT NAME: [illegible]	ADDRESS: Strickland Ave., York	
NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES: TOTAL: 200	MALE:	FEMALE: Office
PRODUCT MANUFACTURED: Roofing		

MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~
Mr. J. P. Schenck, Pl. Mgr., Mr. Edwin Adams, Office Mgr., Mr. Robert Strausbaugh, Safety ~~Dir.~~

MANAGEMENT WITH ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEALTH SERVICE: --

SICK AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE CARRIER: --	COMPENSATION INSURANCE CARRIER: PMA

NURSING CONSULTATION TO HEALTH SERVICE PERSONNEL BY INSURANCE CARRIER: YES ☐ NO ☒

SPECIFIC HEALTH PROBLEMS AND HAZARDS:

Talc
Mica

PHYSICAL FACILITIES: NUMBER OF ROOMS _____ WAITING ROOM YES ☐ NO ☐

HEALTH SERVICE PERSONNEL:	FULL-TIME	PART-TIME	ON-CALL	TIME ON DUTY
Wesley Stick, M.D.			X	

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FIRST AID PERSONNEL: Mr. Harry Weiser Laboratory Technician - qualified first aid instructor.
Three qualified first aiders in every department including the office.

	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE	DATE
DATE OF VISIT						
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION PROGRAM: (USE X FOR AFFIRMATIVE)	4-2-64					
PRE-PLACEMENT	X					
TERMINATION						
PERIODIC	X					
ALL EMPLOYEES						
SELECTIVE	X					
SPECIAL TESTS:						
VISUAL SCREENING - SNELLEN MACHINE						
AUDIOGRAM						
E.K.G.						
CHEST PLATE						
OTHER						
LABORATORY:						
URINALYSIS						
BLOOD COUNT						
SEROLOGY						
OTHER						
IMMUNIZATION: (SPECIFY)						
PHYSIOTHERAPY:						
NURSING ACTIVITIES:						
(FUNCTIONS WITHIN SIGNED MEDICAL DIRECTIVES) ☐ YES ☐ NO						
ASSISTS WITH PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS						
FOLLOW-UP						
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HOME VISITS						
MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS						

NARRATIVE

DATE 4-2-64

Since the time of Mr. Schencks return was unknown, the consultant met with Mr. Adams who was most gracious.

In addition to providing preplacement and return to work physical examinations, the company has a very good first aid program which is directed by Mr. Weiser. The program has been set up, with the quidance and approval of Dr. Stick.

The Divisions X-ray program was discussed. Mr. Adams does not know if periodic surveys are provided. The advantages of a tetanus toxoid program were also discussed.

Materials shared include those on small plant health and first aid services and tetanus, the information sheet on the X-ray program, and the industrial hygiene guides order form.

The visit was pleasantly concluded and Mr. Adams will inform Mr. Schenck of the topics discussed.

Frances C. Hickey

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Regional Office I
383 Wyoming Avenue
Kingston, Pennsylvania
August 30, 1965

Certain-teed Fiber Glass
Crestwood Industrial Park
Mountaintop, Pennsylvania

Attention: Mr. William Tomlinson
Manager

Gentlemen:

A survey was recently conducted in your plant to determine the effectiveness of exhaust ventilation instituted to control exposures to mineral wool dust. Atmospheric samples were collected on weighed, desiccated membrane filter paper, and exposure levels were calculated from the weight increase after redesiccation.

All samples collected indicated exposure levels less than the tentative threshold limit value of 2 milligrams per cubic meter of air, based on exposure for an 8-hour working day. Under conditions existing at the time of the survey, no recommendations are considered necessary.

Enclosed is a table comparing concentrations before and after the installation of exhaust ventilation.

Very truly yours,

Joseph A. Memole
Regional Industrial Hygienist

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Enclosure
cc: Regional Medical Director
Central Office
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Report of Survey

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Crestwood Industrial Park
Mountaintop, Pennsylvania

This survey was conducted on January 8, 20 and 28, 1965 to evaluate employees' exposure to fiber glass dust. Arrangements for the survey were made with Mr. William Tomlinson, manager.

DETAILED FINDINGS

This plant manufactures fiber glass insulation. The production line from the oven to the take-off end was surveyed.

Samples were collected on desiccated, weighed membrane filter paper, and concentrations of fiber glass dust calculated from the total weight increase, after desiccation.

Exposure levels at all stations surveyed were greater than the tentative threshold limit value of 2 milligrams of fiber glass (mineral wool) dust per cubic meter of air, based on an exposure for an 8-hour working day.

This plant is scheduled to replace its production line with one capable of tripling output. It is recommended that an exhaust system capable of maintaining fiber glass dust exposures at less than the tentative threshold limit value in the general work area be included in the expansion plans.

Personnel are supplied respiratory protective equipment upon request, however, the equipment provided is not of the approved type. It is recommended that only approved respirators be issued to personnel until the new production line is installed.

Because lung disease has been known to occur among workers exposed to even low concentrations of dust, it is strongly recommended that the findings of this survey be supplemented by periodic chest X-ray examinations.

A table of fiber glass concentrations follows.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT

REGION I

PROD. MFG. OR SERVICE Fiber glass insulation

DATE 4-27-66

EMPLOYEES
MALE
FEMALE
TOTAL 80

COUNTY 40

IND. CODE 32

PLANT Certain-Teed Fiber Glass Corp

ADDRESS Crestwood Industrial Park, Mountaintop

PERSON INTERVIEWED A. Sachs

TITLE Manager

PURPOSE: INVEST.; SURVEY; INSPECT.; PRELIM., F.U.; CONF.; VISIT;

REASON: SELF-INIT.; O.D. REP.; COMPL.; REQUEST; SOURCE

SPECIFIC HAZARD OR CONDITION	WORKERS EXPOSED	RECOMMENDATIONS WRITTEN — VERBAL	ACCOMPLISHED YES	NO	IN PROG.
Complaint of dust by union secretary					

TOTAL

SAMPLES COLLECTED (NO. & KIND)

TOTAL

DETERM. MADE (NO. & KIND)

~~O.D. REPORTED, NO. & KIND~~

MEDICAL

REMARKS Conferred with Mr. A. Sachs concerning complaint of union secretary. Mr. Sachs took me to the dusty areas and pointed out the exhaust ventilation equipment installed as a result of a survey conducted in January 1965.
There is some dust in one area where excessive fiber glass adhering to the metal conveyor line is removed by burning with gas jets.

Mr. Sachs indicated this area is now receiving their attention and conditions will be improved to the satisfaction of all concerned.

J. A. Memolo

(OVER)

PUNCH CARD ☑ YES ☐ NO FOLDER ☑ YES ☐ NO

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Local 365 U.A.W.
Certain-teed Fiber Glass
Mountaintop, Pa.
April 16, 1966

Gentlemen,

Because of the dusty nature of our work there is a keen interest on the part of the men concerning dust particles in the air. The company (Certain-teed Fiber Glass) has stated that, in conjunction with your department, they have regular inspections. But when we (THE UNION COMMITTEE) request a copy of your report we do not receive any.

As a matter of fact, there was only one, dated Aug. 30, '65, presented to us; this was a favorable report.

The question lingers in our minds - is this the only FAVORABLE report?

The company has full knowledge that we are writing this letter as we had declared our intentions if no written proof of conditions were submitted by April 1st.

In view of the present date, I'm sure you'll agree that we have been more than lenient.

Hence, having no alternative, I have been instructed to contact you and request information as to how we could conduct our own dust examination.

Hoping to hear from you shortly concerning this matter

I remain

Gerald J. Hudak

Gerald J. Hudak secretary
Local 365 U.A.W.
Certain-teed Fiber Glass
Crestwood Industrial Park
Mountaintop, Pa.

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Certain-teed Fiber Glass Corporation
(Subsidiary Certain-teed Products Corporation)
Crestwood Industrial Park
Mountaintop, Pennsylvania
(Phone 474-6731)

Investigated Workmen's Compensation claim dated 4/27/66 of drill operator, Michael Ondish, age 43, 36 Ashley Street, Ashley (Phone 822-3824). Reviewed circumstances surrounding claim with production manager, toured plant and updated Central Office inspection card. The production manager stated all insurance papers were with the Carrier at Scranton.

This corporation has been a subsidiary for two years resulting in some change of personnel and insurance coverage. Legal owner is Certain-teed Products (6/64); production manager has been employed here for the past nine months; safety supervisor is Edward Kilgallon and personal carrier is Traveler's Insurance Company based at Scranton. Physician is J. Buckey, M.D., Birch Street, Mountaintop, who performs pre-employment histories and physicals on all personnel. There is no routine periodic examination. In the natural gas blending process and glass melting furnace, methane or propane is used according to the supplier's stock. The press molding and spray painting departments were phased out. A borate-type glass is manufactured. According to the manager, Mr. Ondish was still on the employment rolls and considered to be on sick leave, although he received no present compensation from the company. The claim stated "Bronchial Asthma. Affected by atmosphere in plant." The claimant had a good work record previous to this episode when he was out April 21 until May 2, 1966. He returned to work May 2, 3 and 4 (termination) as a warehouse worker where he was allegedly exposed to less of the irritating fiber glass components. His continued difficulty in breathing even at this job resulted in his voluntary termination. He was initially employed October 1962 in the molding department as an operator helper. He was transferred in October 1963 to the maintenance department as a drill operator. This transfer was requested because of his breathing difficulties. Mr. Lander stated that six months ago the the maintenance shop was moved from the present site which is now the lunch room at the south end of the building to the extreme north end of the plant.

I visited the other drill operator who took over the claimant's job. He stated "dust and fumes were bad in the area many times and occasionally a yellow colored dust was noted." He said that he had a slight respiratory irritation when dust was bad but not so much during the warmer weather as at the present time an adjacent door was opened. At the time of this investigation I did not note any haziness in the plant atmosphere. Temperature and lighting appeared adequate. Housekeeping was fair to poor as an extensive accumulation of the green colored fiber glass dust was noted on piping and other superstructure close to the ceiling at an adjacent area. This was readily visible from the maintenance department. A strong odor of ammonia gas used to adjust the pH was noted upon ascending the ladder at the resin department. An odor of phenol-formaldehyde resin was noted throughout the plant by this investigator although most likely because of adjustment was not detectable by the manager.

The latest regional inspection August 30, 1965 for mineral wool dust at the immediate production line area was well within TLV. This was after ventilation improvements were made following high readings. High readings for formaldehyde concentration at the presses was noted in an inspection 1963. As previously stated, the press molding and spray painting departments have been abolished.

Attempted to contact Mr. Ondish who has been working the past three weeks at a plastic car mat manufacturer according to his wife. She stated that her husband had a "break out" of his wrists as an extremely itching red rash shortly after his initial employment in the molding department. This cleared up in time. Following this he apparently had some difficulty in breathing at the department with some relief upon his voluntary request for transfer to the maintenance department where he allegedly had less exposure. She stated he mentioned noting dust from the glass machine which produced a yellow haze within the plant. He apparently had no history of pollen or food hypersensitivity, and she denied knowledge of his ever experiencing respiratory difficulty in the past. After his exposure he ex-

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perienced adequate relief while taking his physician's medication. Previous to this he had to bend forward in a chair or in bed to get his breath. When away from the plant for some time, he recovered satisfactorily and has had no recurrence of breathing difficulty in his present job.

His physician was Doctor Frank Kulbaski, Ashley (Phone 822-1970). I contacted his office and although he was not available, his secretary stated that from Mr. Ondish's chart he was initially seen in March 1966 with a complaint of being "choked up" and having difficulty in breathing. A chest x-ray and ekg taken at this time were reported negative. He was given a bronchodilator-sedative-decongestant tablet ('Tedral') with resulting improvement. This last episode, April 21, 1966, he was seen five times with the final visit April 30. He was treated successfully with 'Bronkomistometer', 'Delta' five milligram tablets', and 'Actifed.'

I considered this man was sensitive to the resin and/or primary irritation of the fiber glass. I mentioned to his wife that he should avoid any future contact with these components.

This investigator recommended a reinspection of this plant with reference to the fiber glass and resin exposure.

D. L. Bottomley, D.O.

Donald L. Bottomley, D.O.
Physician II

July 6, 1966

cc: Mr. Joseph A. Memolo - Region I

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Company Slates Breathing Tests For Employees

Employees of Certain-Teed* Products, Fort Washington, will have an opportunity to take breathing tests on March 20, given as a Christmas Seal Service of the Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Assn of Philadelphia and Montgomery County.

Breathing tests are used to detect emphysema, chronic bronchitis and asthma at a stage when they may be treated and successfully controlled. A final diagnosis, however, cannot be made on the basis of this test alone.

There are two parts to a breathing test. One involves completing a brief questionnaire. The second requires breathing into a machine which measures the quantity of air that an individual can exhale and the ease or difficulty with which he exhales. Test results are compared with the normal breathing ability of a person of the same age, sex, and height.

People 21 years or older are eligible for the tests free of charge. The association recommends that individuals take the test if they have a chronic cough, are short of breath, smoke cigarettes or are exposed to air pollution.

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Prod. mfg. or service
quality control & testing lab.
Date 11/21/57
Plant

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Health
Bureau of Industrial Hygiene
FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT

Employees
Male 10
Female 25
Total 35

Address

Certainteed products research laboratory Lancaster Pike,Chester. Co.

Person interviewed H. C. Johnson Title Technical Director
Purpose: Invest.; Survey; Inspect.; San.; Prelim.; F. U.; Conf.; Visit
Reason: Self-init.; O.D. rep.; Compl.; Request; Source

Specific hazard or condition	Workers exposed	Recommendations Written — Verbal	Accomp.	Workers affec.

Samples collected Total
Determ. made Total
Medical O.D. reported, No. & kind
Remarks See report HIH-19001

By Wm. R. Taylor.

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Asphalt Roofing

Oct. 2, 1968

FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT

199 | 67
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201 | 29

Certain-Teed Products Corporation

702 South Richland Avenue, York | ZIP 17403 | PHONE 854-9593

Curvin Fissel — Mixing Foreman
F. J. Resner — Plant Engineer

PRELIM. F.U. CONF. VISIT.

REQUEST SOURCE

HAZARD OR CONDITION	ASKERS EXPOSED	RECOMMENDATIONS WRITTEN --- VERBAL	ACCOMPLISHED YES	NO	IN PROG.
Asbestos	2	None, pending survey for asbestos-			
		dust see below.			

EMPLOYEE COMPLAINT None TOTAL

MANAGEMENT REQUEST None TOTAL

MEDICAL CASE REPORTED, NO & KIND

PUNCH CARD	YES [X]	NO [ ]	FOLDER	YES [X]	NO [ ]

REMARKS

Arrangement was made for survey for asbesto's dust at asphalt paint making operation. ~~It was scheduled for Oct. 17, 1968.~~
However, after discussing the situation with the Regional Industrial Hygienist type and duration of operation, controls in use, etc. - it was decided a survey was not indicated under present operating conditions.

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401 Buttonwood Street
West Reading, Pa. 19607
October 10, 1968

[illegible]-Feed Products Corporation
[illegible] South Miranda Avenue
[illegible], Pennsylvania 17403

Attention: Mr. F. J. Wagner
Plant Engineer

Gentlemen:

During an inspection in your plant by Mr. Fred Miller, industrial hygienist, the following recommendation was made:

> Supply and require the use of respirators approved by the United States Bureau of Mines for respiratory protection against the inhalation of pneumoconiosis-producing and nuisance dusts while loading mixer.

In order to insure that the most benefit is derived from the use of respiratory protective devices and to prevent a false feeling of security, it is the practice of this office to suggest the use of only those devices which have been approved by the aforementioned agency.

For your information we are enclosing a copy of our Hygienic Information Guide entitled "Personal Respiratory Protective Equipment, a copy of our booklet entitled "Dust" and an information sheet regarding chest X-rays.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Leroy O. Pletz
Regional Industrial Hygienist
Division of Occupational Health

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Encl.

12/14/68

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29 Chestnut Street
Lewistown, Pennsylvania
September 20, 1967

Certain-teed Products Corporation
702 South Richland Avenue
York, Pennsylvania

Attention: Mr. Fred Rosner
Plant Engineer

Gentlemen:

Mr. Frederick Miller, industrial hygienist of this Division evaluated employees' exposure to silica dust in your plant July 6, 1967. Mr. Rosner was present during the survey.

Samples of the work atmosphere were collected in midget impingers containing 95 percent ethyl alcohol. These samples were counted microscopically for dust by the light-field method. The results are given in Table 1. Samples of airborne settled dust were collected and analyzed by x-ray diffraction for the free silica content. Particle size range was determined by collecting airborne dust on membrane filters and examining these samples with a microscope and Porton graticule. The dust was found to be in the respirable range and capable of retention by the lungs. Table 2

The threshold limit value for dust with less than 1 percent free silica content is 50 million particles per cubic foot of air, based on employee exposure for an eight-hour working day.

All samples collected were less than this threshold limit value except at the talc hopper. The employee fills this hopper two or three times a day and this requires about ten minutes each time. He wears an approved respirator. Based on the findings of this survey the following recommendations are made:

1. Employee filling hopper with talc should continue wearing approved respirator during this operation. Respirators should be maintained according to Section 4, paragraph A of Article 432, a copy of which is enclosed.

Use to 4/1/68 about
20 mppcf TLV for Talc

Jan 9-25-67

2. Since dust exposures vary from time to time, the findings of this survey should be supplemented with annual chest x-ray examinations of all employees exposed to dust.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions regarding this report, please do not hesitate to ask us.

Very truly yours,

H. L. Williams
Regional Industrial Hygienist

HLW:fw

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Department of Health
DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Dust Concentrations

Certain-teed Products Corporation
702 South Richland Avenue
York, Pennsylvania

Location	Dust concentrations (millions of particles per cubic foot of air)	Threshold limit value*	Free silica content (percent)	Remarks
At slate drum	1.4 1.4 1.0	50	<1**	
Ten feet from slate drum	1.0 2.0	50	<1	Operator's normal position
In aisle 20 feet from slate drum	1.0 1.0	50	<1	General air
At talc hopper	132.0	50	<1	Filling hopper

*Threshold Limit Value - 50 million particles per cubic foot of air, based on employee exposure for an 8-hour working day.

** < indicates less than

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Table 2

Calculations from Particle Size Measurement of the Dust

Certain-teed Products Corporation
702 South Richland Avenue
York, Pennsylvania

Location	Median particle size (microns)	Standard deviation
Near slate drum	0.98	2.91

Survey by -

F. C. Miller
Industrial Hygienist

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

September 19, 1967

SUBJECT: Certain-teed Products Corporation
702 South Richland Avenue
York, Pennsylvania

Thru: Regional Industrial Hygienist

TO: E. J. Baier, Chief
Industrial Hygiene Section

Industry: 32
No. of employees: 223
No. exposed: 4

FROM: F. C. Miller
Region V

This survey was conducted July 6, 1967. The company manufactures asphalt roofing. Talc and natural slate and ceramic granules singly or in combination may be added to asphalt coated felt sheets. This is done by means of a roll called a slate drum. Employees generally stand several feet from this drum but on occasions work close to it or above it. Samples were collected at both locations as well as at a hopper which is filled with talc for surfacing the back of the coated felt. This operation is performed two or three times a day and requires about 10 minutes each time. An approved respirator is worn.

Dust counts were less than the threshold limit value for dust with a free silica content of less than 1% and considering length and infrequency of exposure.

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SAMPLE AND LABORATORY REPORT

REGION V
DATE COLLECTED 7/6/67
DATE SUBMITTED
DATE REC'D IN LAB. 7/12/67

NAME OF COMPANY — ADDRESS

Certain-teed Products Corporation — 702 S. Richland Avenue, York

PRODUCT MANUFACTURED OR SERVICE	MATERIAL SAMPLED	APPARATUS AND SUCTION SOURCE
Asphalt roofing	Airborne settled dust	—
COLLECTED BY	**COLLECTION LIQUID**	**ANALYSIS DESIRED**
F. Miller	—	Free silica

SUBSTANCES LIKELY TO INTERFERE AND LIKELY TO BE PRESENT

Natural slate and ceramic granules

COMMENTS

Most of the material submitted is manganese talc.

SAMPLE NUMBER	SAMPLING LOCATION AND OPERATION	AIR VOLUME	LABORATORY RESULTS % Free SiO_2
5-220	Framework of screw conveyor	-	<1
5-221	Platform at base of slate drum	-	<1
5-222	Horizontal beam near slate drum.	-	<1
5-223	Top of screen behind talc hopper	-	<1

REPORT OF ANALYSIS

Analyses by x-ray diffraction.

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ANALYSIS F. Vanderlleiden DATE 9/6/67 CHEMIST [signature]

D.T. REC'D. 9/6/67 DATE TYPED 9/6/67 DATE SUBMITTED TO REQUESTING AGENCY

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FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT

REGION V

PROD. MFG. OR SERVICE Asphalt Roofing

DATE 7/5/67

EMPLOYEES
MALE 195
FEMALE ?
TOTAL 204

PLANT Certain-teed Products Corp.

ADDRESS 702 S. Richland Avenue, York

PERSON INTERVIEWED Fred Resner

TITLE Plant Engineer

PURPOSE: INVEST.; SURVEY; INSPECT.; PRELIM.; F.U.; CONF.; VISIT;

REASON: SELF-INIT.; O.D. REP.; COMPL.; REQUEST; SOURCE

SPECIFIC HAZARD OR CONDITION	WORKERS EXPOSED	RECOMMENDATIONS WRITTEN — VERBAL	ACCOMPLISHED YES	NO	IN PROG.
Silica dust	3 - 5	None pending analysis of samples for			
		free silica content.			

SAMPLES COLLECTED (NO. & KIND) work atmosphere (8) airborne settled dust (4) particle size range determinations (2) TOTAL 14

DETERM. MADE (NO. & KIND) dust counts (9) TOTAL 9

MEDICAL

O.D. REPORTED, NO. & KIND

REMARKS Dust survey at surfacing area and talc hopper. Samples submitted for free silica analysis.

BY F. Miller 12 WINs

PUNCH CARD ☒ YES ☐ NO FOLDER ☒ YES ☐ NO

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PUNCH CARD [X] YES [ ] NO FOLDER [X] YES [ ] NO

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FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT

REGION

PROD. MFG. OR SERVICE

DATE

EMPLOYEES
MALE
FEMALE
TOTAL

PLANT

ADDRESS 702 S. Richland Avenue, York

PERSON INTERVIEWED

TITLE Production Manager / Plant Manager

PURPOSE: INVEST.; SURVEY; INSPECT.; PRELIM.; F.U.; CONF.; VISIT;

REASON: SELF-INIT.; O.D. REP.; COMPL.; REQUEST; SOURCE

SPECIFIC HAZARD OR CONDITION	WORKERS EXPOSED	RECOMMENDATIONS WRITTEN — VERBAL	ACCOMPLISHED YES	NO	IN PROG.

SAMPLES COLLECTED (NO. & KIND) TOTAL

DETERM. MADE (NO. & KIND) TOTAL

MEDICAL

O.D. REPORTED, NO. & KIND

REMARKS Insurance carrier is now Factory Mutual. Mechanical means of dispensing wood chips has changed method. No other changes.

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PUNCH CARD [X] YES [ ] NO FOLDER [X] YES [ ] NO

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PENNSYLVANIA OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH INSPECTION (NSN)

ESTABLISHMENT NAME ADDRESS ZIP CODE

2 PERSON INTERVIEWED—NAME TITLE TEL NO
Earl Samuel plant mgr
717-474-6731

SAFETY SUPERVISOR Earl Samuel

LEGAL OWNER—NAME ADDRESS

MO DAY YR.

3 CARD CODE (1) [1]

4 DATE (2-3, 4-5, 6-7) [ ][ ] [0][5] [7][1]

5 STATE CODE (8-9) [4][2]

6. COMPANY NUMBER (10-15) [2][0][5][2][1][9]

7 (1) ORIGINAL INSPECTION - STATE & NSN (2) Original Inspection - NSN (3) Reinspection - NSN (16) [2]

8 What is your Chief Product or Service? [illegible] SIC (17-20) [3][2][7][6]

9 SIZE CODE? (Based on Total Number of Employees) (21) [7]
(1) 1-3 (3) 8-19 (5) 50-99 (7) 250-499 (9) 1,000 +
(2) 4-7 (4) 20-49 (6) 100-249 (8) 500-999

10 HOW MANY SHIFTS DO YOU HAVE? [4]

11 HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE ON THIS PLANT'S PAYROLL AT THE PRESENT TIME? (22-26) [0][0][2][9][1]

12 OF THIS NUMBER, HOW MANY ARE NORMALLY IN THE WORK AREA AS OPPOSED TO THE OFFICE OR OUTSIDE AREA? (27-31) [0][0][2][3][0]

13 OF THOSE IN THE WORK AREA WHAT APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE IS MALE? (32-33) [9][9]

14 DOES THIS PLANT DO FEDERAL CONTRACT WORK? (34) [3]
(1) Yes, Prime Contractor, (3) No,
(2) Yes Subcontractor. (4) Don't Know

15. A. DOES YOUR COMPANY EMPLOY AN INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST? (1) Yes, at this Plant,
(2) Yes, at Corporate Hq. (3) Yes, Consultant, (4) No (35) [4]

His Name, Address and Telephone Number:

B ESTIMATE THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE MAN-HOURS THAT ARE DEVOTED TO YOUR PARTICULAR PLANT PER WEEK. (36-37) [0][0]

16 A DO YOU HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH A PHYSICIAN TO GIVE YOUR EMPLOYEES EMERGENCY OR OTHER MEDICAL CARE? (1) Yes, Full Time, (2) Yes, Part Time (3) Yes, On Call. (4) No (38) [3]

His Name, Address and Zip Code: Henry Smith 126 S. Mountain Blvd. Wilkes 18707

B ESTIMATE THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF PHYSICIAN MAN-HOURS THAT ARE DEVOTED TO YOUR PLANT PER WEEK (39-40) [0][0]

17 A DO YOU HAVE A REGISTERED NURSE IN YOUR FACILITY AT A REGULAR TIME? (41) [4]
1 Yes, R N (3) Yes, Both
2 Yes, L P N (4) No

B ESTIMATE THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF NURSING MAN-HOURS THAT ARE DEVOTED TO YOUR PARTICULAR PLANT PER WEEK (42-44) [0][0][0]

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18 A DO YOU HAVE AN EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING FIRST AID WHEN NO DOCTOR OR NURSE IS PRESENT? 45
(1) Yes (2) No (3) Not Applicable
1

B DOES HE HAVE ANY FORMAL FIRST AID TRAINING? 46
(1) Yes, Red Cross (3) Yes, Other (5) Don't Know
(2) Yes, Armed Serv. Medic (4) No (6) Not Applicable
1

19 A WHEN YOU HIRE A NEW EMPLOYEE, DO YOU RECORD INFORMATION FROM HIM, ABOUT HIS HEALTH ON SOME REGULAR FORM? 47
(1) Yes, All Employees (2) Yes, Some Employees, (3) No.
1

B BEFORE YOU HIRE A NEW EMPLOYEE DO YOU REQUIRE HIM TO TAKE A MEDICAL EXAMINATION? 48
(1) Yes, All Employees (2) Yes, Some Employees, (3) No.
1

20 A DO YOU PROVIDE PERIODIC MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES IN HAZARDOUS JOBS? 49
(1) Yes, Adequate (2) Yes, Inadequate, (3) No, (4) Not Applicable
1

B DO YOU PROVIDE PERIODIC AUDIOMETRIC EXAMINATIONS FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES THAT ARE EXPOSED TO NOISE? 50
(1) Yes, Adequate (2) Yes, Inadequate, (3) No, (4) Not Applicable
1

C DO YOU PROVIDE PERIODIC BLOOD AND URINE EXAMINATIONS FOR YOUR EMPLOYEES WHERE APPROPRIATE? 51
(1) Yes, Adequate, (2) Yes, Inadequate, (3) No, (4) Not Applicable
3

D DO YOU PROVIDE PERIODIC PHYSIOLOGICAL FUNCTION TESTS (Excluding Audiograms) WHERE APPROPRIATE? 52
(1) Yes, Adequate, (2) Yes, Inadequate, (3) No, (4) Not Applicable
3

E DO YOU PROVIDE PERIODIC CHEST X-RAYS WHERE APPROPRIATE? 53
(1) Yes, Adequate, (2) Yes, Inadequate, (3) No, (4) Not Applicable
1

21 DO YOU HAVE AN IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM? 54
(1) Yes, (2) No.
2

22 ARE YOUR EMPLOYEE ABSENTEEISM RECORDS 55
A (1) Not Kept, (2) Kept, without Showing Nature of Absence, (3) Kept, Showing Nature of Absence, (4) Kept, Showing Nature of Sickness
3

B WHAT IS YOUR AVERAGE ABSENTEE RATE? (Days/Year/Employee) (Don't Know Coded as 99) 56 - 57
0 5

23. DOES YOUR COMPANY HAVE A FORMAL SAFETY PROGRAM? 58
(1) Yes. (2) No.
1

24 IS YOUR WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE CARRIED WITH AN INSURANCE COMPANY OR ARE YOU SELF INSURED? (1) Insurance Company (Name) Travelers 59
(2) Self Insured, (3) State Insurance Fund, (4) None.
1

25. IN YOUR ESTABLISHMENT, DO YOU FEEL THAT THERE ARE ANY HEALTH HAZARDS, EVEN IF YOU HAVE THEM UNDER CONTROL? (1) Yes, (2) No. 60
WHAT KINDS OF HAZARDS? Ammonia, Carbon monoxide - Heat - Noise
1

26 HAVE YOU HAD ANY OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE IN YOUR PLANT IN THE LAST YEAR? 61
(1) Yes, Dermatitis (3) Yes, Combination (5) Don't Know
(2) Yes, Other (4) No
4

27 HOW MANY YEARS HAS THIS TYPE OF WORK BEEN CONDUCTED IN THESE FACILITIES? 62
(1) 0-5 (3) 11-20 (5) 31-50
(2) 6-10 (4) 21-30 (6) Greater Than or Equal to 51
2

28 HOW MANY HOURS DOES IT TAKE TO INSPECT THIS PLANT? 63 - 64
0 2

29 HOW OFTEN (In Years) SHOULD THIS PLANT BE ROUTINELY INSPECTED? 65
1

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30 THIS PLANT HAS A HEALTH CONDITION(S) WHICH WARRANTS INVESTIGATION:
(1) Immediately (2) Within One Year (3) Not Warranted — 66: 3

31 NUMBER OF CONTROL RECOMMENDATIONS MADE AS A RESULT OF THIS INSPECTION: — 67 68: 0 6

32 (1) Self Initiated, (2) B.O.S.H. Request, (3) Complaint — 69: 1

33 A AIR RECIRCULATION: (1) Yes, Complete Approval (2) Yes, Conditional Approval (3) Yes, No Approval (4) No — 70: 4

B ARTICLE 434: (1) Yes, Complete Approval (2) Yes, Conditional Approval (3) Yes, No Approval (4) No — 71: 4

C ARTICLE 436: (1) Yes, Registered (2) Yes, Partially Registered (3) Yes, Not Registered (4) No — 72: 4

D. CONFINED SPACE ENTRY: (1) Yes, Complete Approval (2) Yes, Partial Approval (3) Yes, No Approval (4) No — 73: 4

E REGION CODE — 74-76: 2 4 0

34 TOTAL AT RISK: (From Part II) — 77-80: 0 2 3 0

REMARKS: Raw materials are unloaded from freight cars outside of building into silos and fed to weighing equipment automatically. Barium carbonate is charged by hand into the blender. This is done only occasionally, and in small quantities. The Barium carbonate is pelleted and is not dusty.

Some areas are very noisy but the workers who must remain in the area any length of time wear ear muffs.

The area where asphalt is applied to paper is a little warm. This will soon be corrected by local exhaust ventilation.

The salvaging area where scrap fiberglass is ground is slightly dusty. This was surveyed a few years ago. Defects in the exhaust system have since been corrected.

Loading is in the shipping-receiving area also operated by fork trucks.

INSPECTED BY: [illegible] 0,018 — W.I.N.'s: 35

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH Lithium - Lead ex Chloride

CARD CODE (1) 2 | STATE CODE (8-9) 4 2 | COMPANY NUMBER (10-15) 2 0 0 2 1 9

EMPLOYEES				EXPOSURES				
OCCUPATION DESCRIPTION	CODE 16-17	TOT. EST. W/I OCC (P.O.)* 18-20	TOT EST. AT RISK 21-23	HAZARD	HAZARD CODE 24-27	A 28-30	M 31-33	I 34-36
Ship. Receiving	57		050	Total		050		
	57			Mineral ex X	1300	050		
	57			Dust	9130	050		
	57			CO	0560	000		
	57			methane	1640	050		
Raw material batching	99		005	Total		005		
	99			Silica	9010	005		
	99			Sod. Hydroxide	2260	005		
	99			Barium sulfate Barium carbonate	0310	005		
	99			ammonia	0170	005		
	99			Dust	9130	005		
	99			noise	8110	005		
Janitors	99		005	Total		005		
	99			Mineral dust	1300	005		
	99			noise	8115	005		

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TOTAL AT RISK (37-40)

1 - COMPLETE SURVEY
2 - PARTIAL SURVEY (41) 1

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Curtain Wall Fabrication

CARD CODE (1): 2

STATE CODE (8-9): 4 2

COMPANY NUMBER (10-15): 2 4 0 2 1 2

EMPLOYEES				EXPOSURES				
OCCUPATION								
DESCRIPTION	CODE 16-17	TOT. EST W/I OCC. (P.O.)* 18-20	TOT EST AT RISK 21-23	HAZARD	HAZARD CODE 24-27	A 28-30	M 31-33	34-36
Welding Fabricating	9 9		0 1 5	Total		0 1 5		
	9 9			Heat - dry	5 3 2 0	0 1 5		
	9 9			CO	0 5 6 0	0 1 5		
	9 9			methane	1 6 4 0	0 1 5		
	9 9			phenol	2 0 4 0	0 1 5		
	9 9			formaldehyde	1 2 9 0	0 1 5		
	9 9			noise	8 1 1 0	0 1 5		
	9 9			Dust	9 1 3 0	0 1 5		
Scrubbing	9 9	0 0 8		Total		0 0 8		
	9 9			noise	8 1 1 0	0 0 5		
	9 9			ammonia	0 1 7 0	0 0 8		
	9 9			formaldehyde	1 2 9 0	0 0 8		
	9 9			phenol	2 0 4 0	0 0 8		
	9 9			dust	9 1 3 0	0 0 8		

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TOTAL AT RISK (37-40):

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH Certain-Teed St Marys

CARD CODE 2 (1) STATE CODE 42 (8-9) COMPANY NUMBER 20021 7 (10-15)

EMPLOYEES				EXPOSURES				
OCCUPATION		TOT. EST. W/I OCC. (P.O.)*	TOT. EST. AT RISK	HAZARD	HAZARD CODE 24-27	A 28-30	M 31-33	I 34-36
DESCRIPTION	CODE 16-17	18-20	21-23					
Asphalt area	99	015		Total		015		
	99			Fiberglass	1300	015		
	99			Noise	5348	015		
	99			Chlorothalonil	1720	015		
	99			Dust	9130	015		
	99			noise	8110	015		
Salvaging	99	004		Total		004		
	99			Fiberglass	1300	004		
	99			noise	8110	004		
Technician Quality Control	69	012		Total		012		
	69			Fiberglass	1300	012		
	69			Dust	9130	012		
Packaging	99	100		Total		100		
	99			Fiberglass	1300	100		
	99			Dust	9130	100		

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CARD CODE (1) 2

STATE CODE (8-9) 42

COMPANY NUMBER (10-15) 200219

EMPLOYEES				EXPOSURES				
OCCUPATION		TOT EST. W/I OCC. (P.O.)*	TOT. EST. AT RISK	HAZARD	HAZARD CODE 24-27	A 28-30	M 31-33	I 34-36
DESCRIPTION	CODE 16-17	18-20	21-23					
Laborers	68		008	Total		008		
	68			Fiberglass	1300	005		
	68			welding fume	5380	008		
	68			Iron	3110	008		
	68			V.V.	8370	008		
	68			IR	8380	008		
	68			Copper	0730	008		
	68			Zinc	2610	008		
	68			Asbestos	1250	008		
	68			Silica Crystal (Total)	5100	008		
Mechanics	12	003	003	Total		003		
	12			Dust	9130	002		
	12			Oil mist	5010	003		
	12			Si O2	9010	003		
	12			Silicon Carbide	2436	003		

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CARD CODE (1) [2]

STATE CODE (8-9) [4 2]

COMPANY NUMBER (10-15) [2 0 0 2 ? ?]

EMPLOYEES				EXPOSURES				
OCCUPATION		TOT. EST W/I OCC. (P.O.)*	TOT. EST. AT RISK	HAZARD	HAZARD CODE 24-27	A 28-30	M 31-33	I 34-36
DESCRIPTION	CODE 16-17	18-20	21-23					
Dentistry	99	005		Lead		005		
	99			Allergens	1300	005		
	99			Dust	9130	005		
	99			noise	8110	005		

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

July 20, 1970

SUBJECT: Certain-teed Saint Gobain Corporation
Mountaintop

TO: Shiro Tanaka, M.D., Chief
Plant Health Services Section

FROM: Alexander B. Rakow, D.O.
Industrial Hygiene Physician

This plant was visited on July 15, 1970, as part of a day's activity in occupational disease investigation and medical program review. An attempt was made to visit with Mr. Earle Samuel, the personnel manager. Unfortunately, for personal reasons known best only to Mr. Samuel himself, he was not in the plant on this day. The plant manager, Mr. Weiner, was out and his return was not definite. Mrs. Marie Hudock, Mr. Weiner's secretary, then appeared to discuss the situation with us.

There is no plant nurse at this location. Mr. Samuel is in charge of all medical programs since the First Aid Room is located near the personnel office. We pointed up the incidence of dermatitis at the plant. The plant uses nothing but fiberglas in its products. It starts with the raw material, sand, to produce the fiberglas.

Mrs. Hudock felt that their medical program should be improved because of more involvement of more people at a higher management level. She stated that they had been made aware of this problem and that greater attention had to be paid to it. The company does provide coveralls, gloves and protective creams, and they do stress personal hygiene——but the age old story of how does one compel one to do something rears its ugly head.

A discussion of the applicability of posters as a reminder was discussed. Its merit seemed doubtful in the eyes of Mrs. Hudock. We have not as yet had this developed by the Division of Health Education but will approach it in the near future.

ABR:ne

cc: Region II-Kingston

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Regional Office II
383 Wyoming Avenue
Kingston, Penna. 18704
July 10, 1970

Mr. George Dobson
Department of Labor & Industry
Golde Building
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Dobson:

An inspection made at the Certain Teed Saint Gobain plant on July 8, 1970, pursuant to your telephone call did not indicate that there was excessive fiberglass dust in the work areas. In areas where there is a potential dust hazard adequate controls and ventilation has been provided.

In my opinion, the complaint of "fiberglass particles flying through the air" is without merit.

Very truly yours,

J. A. Memolo
Regional Industrial Hygienist

JAM:mmm
CC: Regional Medical Director
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PROD. MFG. OR SERVICE Fiber glass

DATE OF ACTIVITY 7/8/70

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT

Betty - PC

PLANT

Certain Teed Saint Gobain

ADDRESS

Crestwood Industrial Park, Mountaintop

ZIP 18707

PHONE 717-474-6731

PERSON INTERVIEWED

Earl Samuels, Per. Mgr. Arthur L. Wiener

TITLE

Plt. Mgr.

EMPLOYEES

MALE 338 FEMALE 12 TOTAL 350

IND. CODE 32

COUNTY 40

PURPOSE: INVEST.; SURVEY; INSPECT.; PRELIM.; F.U.; CONF.; VISIT; George Dobson - Dept. Labor & Industry

REASON: SELF-INIT.; O.D. REP.; COMPL.; REQUEST; SOURCE

SPECIFIC HAZARD OR CONDITION	WORKERS EXPOSED	RECOMMENDATIONS WRITTEN - - - VERBAL	ACCOMPLISHED YES	NO	IN PROG.
Fiber glass dust	300				

SAMPLES COLLECTED (NO. & KIND) _____ TOTAL _____

DETERM. MADE (NO. & KIND) _____ TOTAL _____

MEDICAL - O.D. REPORTED, NO. & KIND _____

PUNCH CARD YES [x] NO [ ] FOLDER YES [x] NO [ ]

REMARKS:

Inspection made at the request of George Dobson, an employee of the Department of Labor and Industry in Wilkes-Barre. Mr. Dobson phoned office and stated he received a complaint of fiberglass particles in the work area.

Inspection did not indicate the work area was dusty. The plant previously has been remodeled and new machinery installed. The process of making fiberglass was also changed to a French process. The hot operations are automated. The area where ingredients are mixed and charged into the furnaces is automatic. The machinery is very noisy but the worker at the controls is in a separate room and wears ear muffs. There was a slight dust where compressed fiberglass is cut, but this is an occasional operation.

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CERTAIN-TEED SAINT GOBAIN INSULATION CORPORATION P.O. BOX 128, MOUNTAINTOP, PENNSYLVANIA 18707 717/474-6731

January 19, 1973

Shiro Tanaka, M.D.
Chief Plant Health Services Section
Bureau of Occupational Health
Fulton National Building (6th floor)
P. O. Box #6063
Harrisburg, Pa. 17120

Dear Doctor Tanaka:

I am writing to you concerning the subject of Chest X-Rays for our employees. We are engaged in the manufacture of fiber-glass insulation for the building industry. We have approximately 310 employees. We are very interested in obtaining the Chest X-Ray service provided by your Bureau.

Please respond to our letter as to whether arrangements can be made.

Thank you very much for your cooperation in this matter.

Michael G. McNamara
Personnel Manager

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cc: A. L. Weiner
R. Wagner
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Certain-Teed
Saint Gobain
Crestwood Industrial Park
Mountaintop, Pennsylvania 18707

Date of Survey:	June 18, 1973
Employee population:	300
Employees x-rayed:	261
Percentage x-rayed:	87
Positive:	23
Tuberculosis:	0
Pneumoconiosis:	0
Cardiac:	1
Neoplasm:	0
Other:	22
Unsatisfactory Film:	0

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Region II-N
Dr. Rakow
Mr. Wojciechowski

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

REGION
PROD. MFG. OR SERVICE
DATE OF ACTIVITY 4/2/73

FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT
(Occupational Health)

PLANT	N.S.N. NO.
Union Wood Specialty Corp. Fire Division	
ADDRESS	**ZIP CODE** / **TELEPHONE**
2 Mill St., Sunbury, Penna.	17801 / 286-4566
PERSON INTERVIEWED	**TITLE**
X-rays	

EMPLOYEES MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL 115	IND. CODE 39	COUNTY Northumberland

PUNCH CARD	FOLDER	N.S.N
YES ☑ NO ☐	YES ☑ NO ☐	YES ☐ NO ☒

PURPOSE: INVEST., SURVEY, INSP., PRELIM., F.U., CONF.; VISIT; OTHER

REASON: SELF-INIT., P.D. REP., COMPL.; REQUEST; SOURCE

SAMPLES COLLECTED (NO. & KIND) TOTAL

DETERM. MADE (NO. & KIND) TOTAL

MEDICAL – O.D. REPORTED, NO. & KIND

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS

SPECIFIC HAZARD OR CONDITION	WORKERS EXPOSED	RECOMMENDATIONS (WRITTEN ··· VERBAL)	ACCOMPLISHED YES	NO	IN PROG
		R-3/16/70			
Pneumoconiosis	53	1. X-rays	X		

Rec'd. of 1973 chest x-rays, received in Regional Office. 53 employees were tested (43 "within normal limits" & 10 "abnormal results". Remainder of x-rays to be submitted 2/74.

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