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Here is the file which was given me. You will also find attached a copy of my letter to Dr. Spolyar.

Out of past experience we have learned that if we supply the chemical composition of any product it leads to confusion and greater concern. For example, the chemical composition of mineral wool shows a large percentage of silica. We know that this is in the form of silicates and as such cannot produce silicosis. Anyone looking at the chemical composition would immediately associate mineral wool with silicosis and be concerned because of the hazard involved.

In my opinion our applicators should be instructed to have the operators wear the respirator described in my letter to Dr. Spolyar in order to avoid health hazard.

Asbestosis is the name of a respiratory disease that is caused by the inhalation of asbestos dust. A fibrotic condition is formed in the lungs with results usually worse than those produced by silicosis.

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