



Report of Visit by Dr. J. F. Knox
to Keasbey and Mattison Company
October 2, 1952

Keasbey + Mattison Works, Ambler.

On 2nd October I was received by Mr. *Anderson* at Ambler and before lunch had a Works tour. I impressed them with the fact that my visit was mainly social and as there was no textile work here it was not likely to arouse interest from the asbestosis angle. Mr. Schneider and the Personnel Manager took me for a Works tour and it was evident that a good grasp of the essential preventive points existed. Here again a mixing area was an unsolved problem. Lagging operations were well thought out from the point of view of worker protection. The dust counts, as they concern less fibre here, are more realistic and the manager receives regular reports in which green, yellow and red rings indicate a safe or a dangerous concentration at once on the circulated reports.

At an afternoon session with the Works Doctor, Dr. Stabler, it appeared that he worked closely with the Personnel Manager who seemed to be charged with the burden of arranging for X-ray, and the problem of interpreting the reports to the worker. Dr. Stabler was frank in his admission of frequent confusion in the face of contradictory reports from medical institutions in the Philadelphia area and welcomed a contact with another worker in this field. He was not familiar with any autopsy studies and did not feel much confidence in any local medical authority except Dr. Pendergrass, a radiologist who contributes to Dr. Lanza's book.