

- 3.1.1. Chemical Inspector of Health, Baynards House, 1-13 Chepstow Place, Westbourne Grove, London. Contact: Mr. R. Walpole.

This is the headquarters and reference centre for the regional factory inspectors. The outcome of the meeting was a confirmation that the 5,000,000 particles per cubic foot threshold limit is currently adhered to in Great Britain. It is expressed over here as 176 particles per c.c.

- 3.1.2. Asbestosis Research Council, P.O. Box No. 40, Rochdale, Lancashire. Contact: Dr. S. Holmes.

This is a body set up by the three biggest asbestos companies in Great Britain. It is primarily concerned with minimizing the asbestos dust atmospheres in their factories. Their ambitions seem to have been almost fulfilled. Turners of Rochdale claim to have had only 3 deaths attributed to asbestos since 1881. They believe that these were the result of the last war when their operators were working long hours under blackout conditions, and when a quantity of Crocidolite was used. This material had not been used before the war, nor has it been used since.

Dr. Holmes mentioned an item of great interest. Apparently, some types of masks used to protect workers from asbestos and other dusts, do themselves contain Crocidolite as the filter medium. Turners have experimented with them, and have found that it is possible to inhale an extremely high concentration of asbestos in a short space of time.

- 3.1.3. Pneumoconiosis Research Unit, Llandough Hospital, Penarth, Glamorgan. Contacts: Dr. V. Timbrell, Dr. A. Walters.

This unit is a branch of the Medical Research Council. It was originated initially to study the effects of coal dust in the lung. It is also associated with the U.I.C.C. (Union Internationale Contre Cancer).

The group consists of about 12 competent men, among whom Drs. Gilson, Wagner and Timbrell are world authorities. They are currently attempting to seek a solution to the problem of the aetiology of mesothelioma, and also to discover whether only one type of asbestos is responsible for the development of these tumours.

3.2 Dockers

Three courses of action have so far been taken:

- 3.2.1. Meeting with the Shipowners and Dock Labour Committee, Union Carbide being represented by Messrs. Cheston, Sayers and Sly. The purpose was to acquaint the dockers with our pelletised product, and to learn what form of packing was most acceptable to them. The outcome of this meeting has already been described in a report by Mr. P. R. Cheston on 16th February, 1967.