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Dear Dan:

I would appreciate your input regarding asbestos medical surveillance of a group of employees whose work is covered under the Construction Industry standards for asbestos exposure. Nine employees have been identified who were pipe fitters and general mechanics in the 1960s and 1970s and who were responsible for the demolition and repair of steam line coverings and/or furnace insulation. They performed these jobs at a time when the current techniques for asbestos containment were not implemented. B-reader chest x-rays have been obtained on them and show no abnormalities related to asbestos exposure. No further evaluation has been carried out on them, i.e., pulmonary functions and physical examinations, specifically for the purpose of detecting disease related to asbestos exposure.

In my interviews of these nine employees, it appears difficult at best to document precisely whether they meet the criteria of exceeding the excursion limit for 30 or more days per year. In the interest of minimizing ALCOA's risk for OSHA citation, I have recommended that these nine employees be included in medical surveillance. This suggestion is being met with resistance from Industrial Hygiene apparently because we cannot adequately document the duration of exposure for these employees 20 to 30 years ago. I have received the memo from L. L. Rippey from the Pittsburgh office referring to the Construction and General Industry standards for asbestos exposure and delineating the different approaches being taken at other ALCOA plants. I do not wish to pit one group against another, but I am interested in minimizing ALCOA's exposure and optimizing employee surveillance. I would appreciate your recommendation on this issue.

Very truly yours,

Carl D. Griffin, M.D.
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