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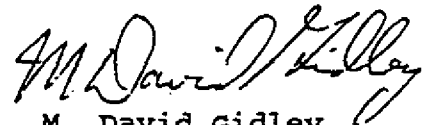
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His comments were few at the close-out. He indicated that it would take 3 or 4 weeks for the asbestos samples to be analyzed by the OSHA laboratory in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the report would be forthcoming shortly thereafter. In response to a question from Charles Curtis, he indicated that each excursion above the five fiber limit would constitute a serious violation subject to a fine of \$1,000.00. Good intentions or visible efforts to reduce exposure could aid in reducing penalties, but he was not specific on this point.

Noise levels were also measured in the plant, and Pauly indicated that use of hearing protective devices was good in most areas. He said that OSHA is at the mercy of industry as far as engineering controls are concerned. As long as good effort is made to implement technically feasible controls, OSHA must accept the results of such investigation. Where engineering controls are not feasible, hearing protective devices will be acceptable on a permanent basis. They are asking for compliance plans, but the time limits are generous. Pauly spoke of a five year program with extensions when needed.

OSHA within the State of Virginia is setting up local offices with the area office in Richmond, Virginia. The local OSHA office covering Winchester is to be established in Falls Church.


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