



The Industrial Commission
Of Ohio
Division Of Safety & Hygiene
246 N. High St., Col., O. 43215

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PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT
BRK-257

Legal Section
Industrial Commission of Ohio
246 N. High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43216

Attn: Guy Sheaffer

RE: Claim #OD13634-22
Shirley A. Mitchell
Fisher Body Division
General Motor Corp.
Columbus, Ohio 43228

Dear Mr. Sheaffer:

On July 5, 1979, a visit was made to the Fisher Body Division of the General Motor Corporation, 200 Georgesville Road, Columbus, Ohio, to observe the working conditions under which the claimant, Shirley A. Mitchell, was employed.

Contact was initiated at the plant with Mr. Russell Evans, Safety Director of the plant. He referred the investigator to Mr. R. F. Denham, Supervisor of the Division's employee benefits.

Mr. Denham provided the claimant's employment and health record for a thorough, first hand, examination. It was learned that the claimant initially applied for employment at the plant in 1956. On that occasion, she was refused employment for medical reasons. Eight years later the claimant applied again and was accepted. She began work on August 13, 1964 as an "Assembler" of automotive parts.

On July 30, 1965, the claimant suffered a collapsed lung and was off work for three weeks. She claimed her condition was the result of having had to work in smoke and acid fumes. However, no complaint was filed at that time. Claimant stated that the working

conditions to which she was exposed, in January and February of 1977, involved considerable quantities of glue and its fumes. On March 17, 1977, Dr. Dale Dickens performed a cholecystectomy, to remove several small stones which were suspected of being the cause of her history of severe epigastric pain. More than 24 hours after the operation, she began to have difficulty breathing. It was discovered that her right lung was congested with 50 c.c. of clear, transudate, fluid. The patient responded favorably to treatment and recovered quickly.

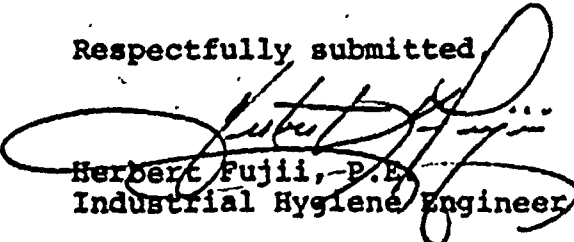
It has been diagnosed that the claimant is suffering from a low grade dyspnea. At the time of her latest disability, she claims to have been exposed to fumes from glue while on the job.

Mr. Denham escorted the investigator to the assembly area where the claimant worked at the time of her disability to locate the glue operations and identify other possible sources of fumes for collecting atmospheric samples. The area visited is currently identified as Department 9. A walk through the area revealed that no glue operations are being performed by any of the assemblers in that department.

None of the assemblers interviewed registered any complaint regarding smoke or fumes. This, in conjunction with the fact that no operation utilizing glue was located in the area, led the investigator to decide that collecting atmospheric samples, under conditions as they currently exist would serve no useful purpose with regard to this claim.

The conditions in the shop and the medical information released in the various reports leads the investigator to conclude that the claimant's working environment would not sustain her claim for an occupational disease.

Respectfully submitted,


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Industrial Hygiene Engineer

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