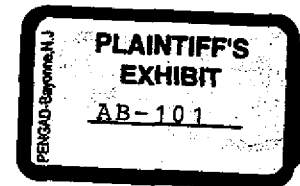


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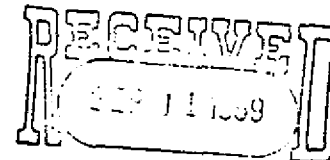
AMERICAN BRAKE SHOE COMPANY
AMERICAN BRAKEBLOK DIVISION
WINCHESTER, VIRGINIA



September 10, 1959

Mr. D. K. Rennie
Troy Office

Dear Don:



With regard to your letter of August 18, 1959, on the matter of Liberty Mutual's Industrial Hygiene Survey, conducted June 25 and 26, 1959, we wish to offer the following.

Upon receipt of the report, Messers. C.B. Mallory, J.W. Riley, C.L. Curtis and the writer, made a complete analysis of same. Although we felt that we were aware of exact locations as described in the report, there were some areas we questioned and we elected to withhold any comments until after such a time as Mr. Charles Cole, Liberty representative, visited us again. Mr. Cole was here on Friday, September 4, 1959.

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Conclusions

Compounding

- 1.) The weighing of certain powders at the south end of the dry mix powder bins indicated high lead concentration (4.33 Milligrams per cubic meter). Observation of this operation indicated the following:
 - (a) Operation is being performed several feet away from the exhaust system. This exhaust was installed after our Medical Department survey of November 5-8, 1957.
 - (b) Certain new materials are being weighed and there are not sufficient storage bins in regular line to accomodate them.

Action Taken

- (a) Move weighing operation back under hood in order that proper advantage may be taken of exhaust system.
- (b) Relocate exhaust hood in order to use to better advantage. On this item Shop Requisition #22015 has been issued.

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