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Industrial Commission of Ohio
246 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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Dear Mr. Lancaster,

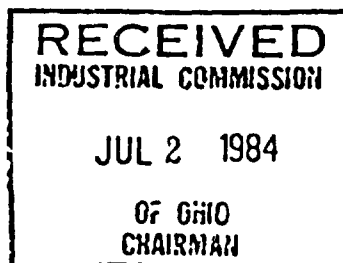
I am writing to you to ask for your help and advice concerning a situation which exists in the plant where I work. I am employed by the Machine Parts Maintenance Service (MPMS) of Owens-Corning Fiberglas of Newark, Ohio.

Some time ago I realized that a product called Transite which was often machined in my department was, in truth, an asbestos product. No special warnings were given to the employees using it and no special precautions were taken in regard to the hazards of breathing asbestos dust.. It was only by chance that I verified Transite as asbestos since most of the sheets brought in bore no warning stickers. I did, however, find one sheet with a warning label.

Being concerned about the risks involved, I discussed the use of Transite with the superintendent of my department, Mr. C. Dimezzo, and was assured that while the material was asbestos, I would no longer be seeing it used. For a while that was true.

Last week one of my co-workers was given a job which involved the machining of this same material. The size of the sheets and their packaging when they arrived at the plant were different, but the material was the same. The employee discussed the safety of this material with our foreman who was vague in his reply, but suggested that a vacuum be used during the machining. There was also a fan running at the time and the dust and particles in the air were very obvious. This is a very unsafe, unhealthful situation for all employees in the area.

I would appreciate your interest and investigation into this matter. Enclosed is a fragment of the material in question. I await your reply.



Respectfully yours,

Paul J. Grimm
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