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MINERAL BOARD HAZARDS

The following hazards are associated with the production of our mineral board:

1. Dermatitis - Inflammation of the skin.
2. Mechanical irritation - Redness of the skin.
3. Asbestosis - (slight) Lung disease caused by inhaling asbestos dust.
4. Silicosis - (possible) Lung disease caused by inhaling dust of stone, sand or flint.

Our best line of defense against the above hazards are effective dust control and careful selection of personnel which must be done through trial and error because of the type of hazard.

The Safety Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 23, 1959 and at that time, subject to your approval, we will ask them to recommend the following regulations for employees working with mineral board:

1. Wear long sleeve shirts.
2. Wear gloves.
3. Use protective cream on exposed skin.
4. Use Murine eye drops to counteract eye irritation.
5. Take a shower and change clothes after work.
6. Employees who use air for cleaning or work in dusty areas must use goggles and respirators.
7. Immediately report to your foreman with the first evidence of skin irritation.

The above hazards and recommendations resulted from our own experience, correspondence, and conversation with the following: Baldwin - Hill Company, National Safety Council, and Dr. Monsrud.

Dr. Monsrud also recommended that permanent employees working in dusty areas be given annual chest X-rays to check on asbestosis and silicosis.

Within the past month, we have had six cases of skin irritation and five cases of dermatitis which we have not accepted as yet. There may be other cases which have not been brought to my attention.

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