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INSULATION SHOP DUST PROBLEM

After visiting the Insulation Shop with you recently and consideration of the dust problem created there by sawing of the insulation material, most of which contains asbestos, I would strongly recommend that you install ventilation equipment adjacent to the saw which will be adequate to remove as much of this dust as possible. I also recommend that the operator of the saw wear an approved type of mask while the machine is in operation.

As we discussed, the inhalation of asbestos dust over a period of time can cause serious respiratory problems and it appears to me that the shop is pretty well covered with this dust, both in the air and on most of the objects in the room. Not only is the saw operator exposed, but also all persons in the room. It seems practical to clean up this situation from a health standpoint as well as being a housekeeping problem.

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