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MEMORANDUM FOR: J. K. WEST

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SUBJECT: NIOSH Study on Talc Deposits in the United States

The attached letters from NIOSH are copies sent to operations in your Subdistrict who participated in a study by NIOSH to characterize talc deposits in the U.S.

The reports to the Cartersville Plant and the American Talc Company indicate that the samples analyzed from their companies did not contain asbestiform minerals.

Samples from the Southern Talc Company and the Pioneer Talc Company were found by NIOSH to contain asbestiform minerals. This indicates a potential for worker exposure to airborne concentrations of asbestos fibers.

Have we sampled the Southern Talc Company and/or the Pioneer Talc Company for worker exposure? If not, they should be sampled as soon as possible, and the results forwarded to this office. If the operations have been sampled, please forward a copy of the results.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Diann Kraft of the Health Division.

Attachments

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