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Dr. H. Robert Coler, MPH, Chief
Occupational Health Section
North Carolina State Board of Health
Raleigh, North Carolina

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE

I have planned to be in Chapel Hill at the Carolina Inn on the evening of February 4th through the evening of February 5th to attend the Governor's Conference on Occupational Health.

I am sure your program will be a busy one and I am not asking for any part of your time. However, if an occasion should arise, it will be a pleasure to go over any of the matters in relation to our plant in which you may be interested at this time.

We are continuing to make changes and improvements which I think will be of interest to both you and Mr. Lumsden.

JERRY MITCHELL - Works Manager

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January 26, 1959

Mr. John C. Lumsden
Chief Industrial Hygiene Engineer
Occupational Health Section
North Carolina State Board of Health
Raleigh, North Carolina

DUST COUNTS

I thank you very much for your letter of January 20th and particularly for the time you spent with Mr. Sorrell in our behalf. I am writing him a letter today inviting him to visit our plant and am attaching a copy for your file.

Since your last visit, we have completed installation of the humidity control system in our Yarn and Cloth Weaving Departments. We found that we did not have sufficient air compressor capacity to operate it but we hope it will be in operation within the next 60 days. We feel that this will contribute greatly to reducing the dust counts in these areas.

You will also be interested in knowing that we are proceeding with the installation of the humidity control system in our Card Room. This is putting an added burden of control on us which probably will work for the good. With the enclosure of the entire area and recirculation, any unit that is not performing properly will affect the entire area and will require immediate attention. This, I believe you will agree, is for the good.

I look forward to seeing you and Dr. Coler at the Governor's Conference in Chapel Hill on February 5th. I will be there on both the night of the 4th and the 5th at the Carolina Inn and hope that I will have an opportunity to spend some time with both of you.

JERRY MITCHELL - Works Manager

cc: Dr. Robert N. Coler

NORTH CAROLINA
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
RALEIGH

January 30, 1959

Mr. Jerry L. Mitchell, General Manager
Thermoid Company
Charlotte, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Thank you for your letter which I received yesterday.

I am not sure whether I will be present at the forthcoming conference in Chapel Hill and Mr. Lumsden is detained by the Ventilation Conference and is chairman of Thursday's meeting.

I don't think you have much to worry about from the last dust count taken in your plant. All of us appreciate the standards you were able to achieve and Mr. Lumsden has made it his personal concern to advise the Department of Labor about the significance of the last findings. Of course there will be fluctuations and as time goes by I am sure that the improvement you have made will go still farther. Of course we all have a job on hand to maintain conditions satisfactorily and I am sure that the cooperation which has been established between your plant and this section will not fail to bring everything under perfect control in due time.

Personal regards,

Yours sincerely,

H. Robert Color, M. D., MPH, Chief
Occupational Health Section

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cc: Mr. Lewis P. Sorrell, Deputy Commissioner
N. C. Department of Labor
Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. John C. Lumsden, Chief Industrial Hygiene Engineer
Occupational Health Section

NORTH CAROLINA
STATE BOARD OF HEALTH
RALEIGH

January 20, 1959

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Mr. Jerry Mitchell, Works Manager
H. K. Porter Company, Inc.
Thermoid Division
Charlotte, North Carolina

Re: Dust Counts

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I can understand your concern over the dust count results and the accompanying letter from the Labor Department, but be assured that these samples do not alter our opinion of the conditions in your plant. I agree with your thoughts concerning the variance between parallel samples and I cannot explain the difference. At the time these samples were counted, a new technician had taken over our counting duties. She had been thoroughly instructed in our procedures and we did not feel the results were questionable, so they were reported to you for your own evaluation.

After receiving your letter, I talked to Mr. Sorrell of the Labor Department and explained to him that the dust levels in your plant have long been established both by this section and the company and an occasional high count did not warrant any concern on our part other than for reference should future dust surveys by your company or this section indicate higher levels than normal at the same locations.

Mr. Sorrell was not aware of the dust control equipment installed in your plant or the improvements that have been made along this line through the years. He has agreed to write you explaining why his letter was sent to you and is assured that conditions in your plant are satisfactory by our standards.

Mr. Jerry Mitchell
Thermoid Division

January 20, 1959

The Labor Department has been working closely with us recently in all dusty trades and are guided by our reports in their efforts to improve working conditions.

If there are any further questions that you may have concerning this situation, do not hesitate to write me.

Sincerely,

John C. Lumsden, Chief
Industrial Hygiene Engineer
Occupational Health Section

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Cc: H. Robert Color, M.D., Chief, Occupational Health Section