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Subject: Asbestos - Medical Surveillance

On October 11, 1978 OSHA issued a Program Directive that requires all employers to provide medical examinations for all employees exposed to 0.1 fibers/cc or greater, longer than 5 micrometers, for a 7 to 8 hour time-weighted average.

The directive also requires that for exposure to dust mixtures that are mostly asbestos and are expected to be below the permissible exposure limit, (PEL) the same filter should be used for the entire shift, up to eight hours in sampling. For exposures that are expected to be greater than the PEL, several samples may be required to avoid filter overloading. A minimum sampling time of one hour should be used if concentrations are expected to be near the 0.1 fiber/cc level. Where high concentrations are expected, 7 or 8 one hour samples can be taken.

Where employees are exposed to 0.1 fiber/cc or more and employers fail to provide the required medical examinations, a serious violation of 1910.1001 (j)(2), (3), or (4) would be issued.

A copy of OSHA 1910.1001 is attached.

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