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1957-60 - Garlock (NY) employee since 1941, Grace Baylord, died from asbestosis in 1958 and a w. comp. claim resulted for disability and later death.

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10/9/69 Kuzmuk of Garlock present at ATI meeting where Sheckler informs the group about a draft PHS report on asbestos hazards: "USPHS gives opinion that asbestos hazard can be controlled except for mesothelioma."

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1972-76 (G-7390) Garlock plant exposure data sheets, 49 pages, listing 390 fiber counts during which time the OSHA limits were 5 f/ml (fibers longer than 5 microns) for 8-hrs and 10 f/ml peaks for 15 min. Under 1/4 of the counts were less than or equal to 5 (legal). More than half (216) of the counts exceeded 10 f/ml. All the measured exposures were appear to have been in the 30-60 minute range. There was a worsening of conditions in the later period, with (1972-73) having 18% of all counts over 20 f/ml versus 39% in 1975-76.

1974-78 (G-7389) IHF consultant reports on asbestos exposures at Garlock include numerous fiber counts that exceeded legal limits.

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In 1989, EPA issued regulations calling for the end of asbestos use in "sealing products in most applications." In 1990. Garlock ran ads in **Chemical Week** (May 23, Nov. 28) boasting of the superior qualities of their asbestos-free products (e.g., "Garlock abestos-free gasketing and packings deliver superior sealability in virtually every application.") The next year, industry challenge to the EPA rule overturned it. I just called the toll-free number listed in the 1990 Garlock ad and asked if they still sell asbestos-containing gaskets, and was told they do (1/14/97).

1922 - National Safety Council

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