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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT

EMPLOYEES	COUNTY
MALE 45	Phila.
FEMALE 5	IND. CODE
TOTAL 50	28

PLANT
Foster Company, Benjamin

ADDRESS
4635 W. Girard Ave., Phila.

ZIP 19131

PHONE

PERSON INTERVIEWED
Mr. E. Dugery

TITLE
Asst. superintendent

PURPOSE: INVEST.; INSPECT.; PRELIM.; F.U.; CONF.; VISIT:

REASON: SELF-INIT.; O.D. REP.; COMPL.; REQUEST; SOURCE

SPECIFIC HAZARD OR CONDITION	WORKERS EXPOSED	RECOMMENDATIONS 5-17-67 WRITTEN --- VERBAL	ACCOMPLISHED YES	NO	IN PROG.
asbestos	10-12	1. USBM respirators	X		
		2. Maintain respirators	X		
		3. Modify LEV on mixers A. change opening position	X		
		B. change charging procedure			
		4. Housekeeping program			X
		5. Chest X Ray program	X		

SAMPLES COLLECTED (NO. & KIND) TOTAL

DETERM. MADE (NO. & KIND) TOTAL

MEDICAL - O.D. REPORTED, NO. & KIND

PUNCH CARD YES [X] NO [ ] FOLDER YES [X] NO [ ]

REMARKS:

Respirators approved for toxic dusts and organic vapors are supplied to the men, who are periodically reminded to clean them, change filters, etc.

A new covered chute for charging dry materials into mixer has been designed. Bags have to be slit open inside the chute, which fits snugly into the mixer openings. This increases the effectiveness of the LEV. Mr. Dugery said the LEV system will eventually be remodeled, but not right away.

A major clean-up pperation is in progress. In some places, 2 or 3 inches of asphalt-asbestos "gook" has been chipped off the floor. All storage areas have been swept out. (Two industrial vacuums are on order, haven't come yet) All material in bags is now blown off before it enters the plant and kept on pallets in an attempt to reduce breakage. Open or broken bags are to be used first. Overhead structures will be cleaned with the vacuum cleaner. One Saturday men wore respirators and blew out rafters with air hoses, then swept it off the floor, but this got too messy. Mr. Dugery said it will be a slow process, no cleaning has been done for 20 years. Workers are not enthusiastic about having to spend the extra minutes to be careful, but from the appearance of the mixing area, they are doing a good job. Mr. Dugery said "come back in 6 months".

All new employes are sent for chest x-rays. Starting right after vacation season, workers will be driven by carload into Center City for an X Ray, Mr. Dugery says hopefully the men will encourage their families to go also.

A re-survey will be done to determine the effectiveness of the control measures.

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