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To: J. J. Whelan

cc: A. W. Hanlon
N. A. Lessig

Subject: Asbestos Usage in the Rouge Operations

With regard to asbestos usage in the Rouge operations, we have made an audit accompanied by Don Reardon, Unit Health and Safety Representative, of plant locations where he or people he represents have identified asbestos usage. For the most part, the products seem to be asbestos tape used by electricians to wrap high voltage transmission lines. We did uncover "asbestos board" at some locations. However, samples are being analyzed to assure that these are indeed made from asbestos. There still remains pipe covering composed mainly of asbestos that can still be found at older locations. However, replacement covers are non-asbestos materials.

An alleged "asbestos" insulation packing used around coke oven doors was found to be a non-asbestos product.

We are attempting to determine the need for using asbestos tape in electrical operations and will try to convince maintenance personnel that substitutes could probably be as effective.

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Sherman & Reardon toured
Then Mengele audit - ① found none at Glass Plant
(advised of removed)
② Sawerhouse - electrical cable (heavy duty)
When splicing cable - wrap with
asbestos tape.
This continues.
Recommendations not to use. (Substitutes
available)
③ Cache of material in storage (elect tape)
for use in B Furnace area -
to wrap pipes - sludge lines.
④ Again recommended substitutes (to N. N. Smith
⑤ A57 - asbestos tape for cable -
Shielding materials were not asbestos. (Reardon
notified)
⑥ EA7 - asbestos tape -
Shielding boards (4x4' about 1/4 in. dup,
cut with saw.
Recommendations to Steel Division
(Ossart received letter.)
⑦ Mud sealed coke oven doors - no asbestos -
Reardon notified.

Smiley, Ossart
and Steel
involved in Steel
Division usage.

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