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BARBER V. PITTSBURGH CORNING CORP.
ASBESTOS LITIGATION

September 16, 1969

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Asbestos Exposures in Pittsburgh
Corning in Light of Public Health
Service "Proposed Criteria and
Recommended Interim Standard for
Asbestos"

A copy of the Subject Standard is attached. In essence it recommends the 12 Fibers/ML 5 Microns or greater in length recommended by the Threshold Limit Value Committee of A.C.G.I.H. The importance of this document in regard to asbestos will be noted by inference on Page 2 of the attached. It is the first such Standard to be published, therefore, it has the Number One Priority for action under the Walsh-Healy Health and Safety Standards and under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1969 if enacted by Congress.

In reviewing the Asbestos Dust Studies in the Tyler and Fort Allegany Plants done by the Public Health Service, the Fibers/ML data takes on added significance. Nowhere in the unibestos plant at Fort Allegany were you in compliance with this Standard. In most instances the dust data showed the Standard was exceeded by more than a five fold factor. Basically the same findings were made at Tyler.

While the proposed Standard will protect against asbestosis, it has certain stated limitations, one of which is that it gives no assurance that it will protect against malignancies.

In addition to the Dust Control Program on which you are already well-embarked, I strongly recommend a comprehensive annual medical examination of all unibestos employees, as well as a strong health education program concerning the particular hazards of cigarette smoking in asbestos workers. I will be pleased to work with you in the development of these programs.

Lee B. Grant, M. D.
Medical Director

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Attachment

cc: D. J. Sherbondy
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*Tyler Plant File
Port Allegany*

November 2, 1967

Mr. Earl M. Stout
Vice President-Manufacturing
Pittsburgh Corning Corporation

Dear Mr. Stout:

SUBJECT: U. S. Public Health Service Environmental Surveys

Attached are copies of preliminary reports of the U. S. Public Health Service environmental study of asbestos exposure to your employees at your Tyler and Port Allegany Plants.

These reports indicate a need to consider appropriate corrective and/or protective measures that should be taken to reduce the potential hazard to employees being exposed to air borne concentrations in excess of the Threshold Limit Value for asbestos of 5 million particles per cubic foot. In my opinion, those employees so exposed include the following:

Tyler Plant: Feeder man - Scrap grinder - Saw operator - Packer

Port Allegany Plant: Feeder - Builder - Packer

I recommend that I visit these plants in the company of an industrial hygiene engineer to consider such appropriate corrective and/or protective measures. I further recommend, however, that these visits be delayed until the complete reports are received from the U. S. Public Health Service.

Sincerely,

Lee B. Grant, M.D.

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cc: Mr. J. T. Pestafano

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National Center For
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PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

October 16, 1967

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Port Allegany, Pennsylvania

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Dear Mr. Griffith:

The preliminary results of the impinger samples collected during our survey of the Pittsburgh-Corning insulation plant at Port Allegany, Pennsylvania are enclosed.

These samples were collected and counted according to the standard method of the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists and are comparable to the Threshold Limit Value of 5 million particles per cubic foot established by that body. However, since these samples were collected for the epidemiologic purpose of defining the average exposure of a group of workers in a operation rather than for the usual industrial hygiene purpose of locating and evaluating the heavily exposed individual, the results may not be comparable to industrial hygiene survey data.

A complete report including the results of fiber counts on membrane filters will be sent to you as soon as counting is completed. Your assistance and cooperation are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Jeremiah E. Lynch
Asst. Chief, Environmental
Activities
Field Studies
Occupational Health Program

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Grant
Dr. Cralley
Pennsylvania Health Dept.

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Preliminary Report

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Occupational Health Program

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Dust concentrations as measured by impinger breathing zone (B) and general (G) air samples collected at Pittsburgh-Corning, Port Allegheny, Pennsylvania on April 10-14, 1967.

<u>Operation</u>	<u>Sample No.</u>	<u>Concentration</u> <u>mg/m³</u>
Mixing		
Feeder Man - B	206	7.8
	116	11.0
	103	1.9
	111	2.1
Forming		
Builder - B	114	2.4
	123	9.8
	222	5.6
	202	2.6
	142	24.8
	125	8.6
Finishing		
Sw Operator - B	134	3.7
Material Handler - B	135	4.2
	151	6.1
	131	3.0
Packing		
Packer - B	140	5.2
	133	5.1

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