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Gentlemen:

Here we go again! Enclosed is a copy of a news article that appeared in New Brunswick's leading newspaper and which I thought you might want to add to the file.

Very truly yours,

SMFMA, Inc.



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CITE DANGERS OF ASBESTOSIS

SOMERVILLE—Two radiologists, Dr. Howard Adler and Dr. Nicholas G. Denny of Somerset Hospital reported in the July issue of The American Journal of Roentgenology, Radium Therapy and Nuclear Medicine that asbestos fibers breathed into human lungs cause asbestosis, a long-term disease which can be fatal.

It is further, suspected, they said, that asbestosis increases cancer of the lungs.

The doctors stated "There is no 'washaway' effect," no chance of destroying the fiber once it has become embedded in the lung tissue.

They discounted the theory that "Inhaled asbestos disappears from the lung." The fibrous material has a tendency to subdivide almost endlessly and the ability to reproduce new asbestos bodies.

Patients Studied

They studied 47 patients with malignancy believed resulting from asbestosis. Most had long exposure to asbestos varying from 15 to 25 years.

In Philadelphia, 187 asbestos workers in various insulating trades were examined.

Both in Somerville and Philadelphia studies point out the disease may be a public health hazard. Signs of asbestosis have been found in persons living near plants where asbestos is used, in random post mortems in such varied cities as Montreal, Pittsburgh, Miami, Capetown and London, and even in animals which live near asbestos mines.