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Dear Dr. Krebs

I understand you called while I was out of the office and wanted available statistics concerning asbestos workers. Metropolitan has not developed any data in this area recently and on checking with our Underwriters I learned our Standard Rate is given to asbestos workers generally, with Standard B Rate to such occupations in the asbestos industries as: hand truck operators; yardmen and unloaders; laborers; and beggers, etc. Metropolitan does not underwrite workmen's compensation insurance and it might be well for you to contact the insurance carrier covering your organization in this area. You might also contact your State Insurance Rating Bureau.

For further information on the subject you might get in touch with the U. S. Department of Labor. They have a booklet, OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS AND DIAGNOSTIC SIGNS, which indicate hazards, symptoms, and methods of prevention for asbestos product workers, miners, and diseases to look for from symptoms observed.

Other organizations offer guidance in the area of your interest are:

American Medical Association - Dept. of
Occupational Health
535 North Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60610

American Industrial Hygiene Association
14125 Prevost Street
Detroit, Michigan 48227

Industrial Hygiene Foundation of America
5231 Centre Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15232

Industrial Medical Association
150 North Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60606

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American Academy of Occupational Medicine
600 West 168th Street
New York, N. Y. 10032

and

Institute of Industrial Hygiene - Medical Center
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

The U. S. Department of Labor and U. S. Public Health Services, as a result of the enactment of the Occupational Safety and Health Act, have developed information on the subject and will soon establish an asbestos Standard.

I am enclosing copies of articles taken from our research files and hope they will be of some help to you particularly in developing some background material on the incident of respiratory problems together with a list of organizations engaged in industrial hygiene and related activities.

If I can be of further help to you at any time, please let me know.

Sincerely

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