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Mr. Thomas A. Bozich, Director
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Dear Mr. Bozich:

Reference is made to your letter of November 13, concerning a study performed by this Division of occupational exposure to wollastonite at the Interpace Corporation, Willsboro, New York. At the end of 1964, this Division performed a controlled medical study of 51 miners and millers of wollastonite at the plant in question. The study included medical and occupational histories, physical examinations of the heart and lungs, chest x-rays and lung function testing of ventilatory and diffusion capacity. The findings of the study were negative. However, the mean exposure of these workers to wollastonite was only 8.3 years with a range of 2.0-17.0 years. Since this was an inadequate duration of exposure upon which to base any conclusion, this information was not published. We are hoping that a follow-up study will be performed at some time in the not too distant future.

I hope this information is helpful to you.

Very truly yours,

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