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Neill Weaver, M.D.

w/ Exxon 1951-1973

Company had at time of his hire both IH and medical approach to safeguarding workers from A disease.

IH: wetting insulation before removal, avoiding wind blowing beneath and downwind of insulation removal, respirators, tools and safety measures to minimize dust, good clean-up procedures

Med. periodic monitoring w/ X-rays, PFT for workers "Potentially Exposed to Asbestos" (=work duties ever potentially exposed him to any significant asbestos-related activities)

Attended Selikoff symposium in 1964

Rec. re 1967 to company to substitute A. insulation

James Hammond

IH w/ Exxon 1947-1978

Bonsib's 1937 dust supt. "made available to the petroleum industry worldwide," NSC, etc. describes measures Esso employed at the time (1937-), incl. (for A.) "providing proper building ventilation, storing potentially dusty materials in dust tight bins, enclosing material handling equipment, isolating the dusty process." Also exclusion of workers who don't have to be in the area, wet methods, providing exhaust systems, good housekeeping, respirators. As of 1947, TLV was 5 MPPCF for "dust cont. A." Midget impinger sampling started 1937-1938 (no static elec. sparks)

(Hammond, cont.)

Required warehouse workers handling A. insulation to wear respirators when sacks were broken. "Misting system," inject water into sack to wet before opening and dumping

"In early years, insulators trained in proper use of respirators - respirators routinely washed and checked by Esso, Bur. Mines approved, turned in daily at end of each shift. Safety inspectors enforced respirator use

"We never permitted asbestos dust to create visible concentration in the air. We put respirators on workers before they entered that level."

Medical monitoring of insulators included x-rays by 1947, read by trained radiologist.

Brown & Root (contractors) "were required to follow same guidelines as employees... in every regard as far as protection from (A)..."

for tearing out A, "our safety people would routinely advise contractors of hazards, controls.

1967 Exxon "began aggressive search for AF insulation" Company-wide effort. changed by sometime in 1968

1972 Humble Co. issued "Handling Asb. Guidelines"

10/74 Another asb. control prog. issued to assure OSHA

B+R employees were members of NSC since 1961 (1965 1966 1967?)
also may have rec'd NSC info via
Assoc. Gen. Contractors of America (1957) [redacted]