

SUGGESTED COMMUNICATION TO SUPERVISION AND EMPLOYEES

A few months ago, Du Pont initiated a special program to review x-rays of employees over forty with ten years or more of Du Pont employment, who have possibly had exposure to asbestos, primarily through handling of insulation. The objective of this program is to determine if there are any early lung abnormalities that may be related to asbestos exposure at Du Pont. Other employees' x-rays are being reviewed at the time of their regular physical examination.

This x-ray screening program is now being extended to pensioners. As is our policy with employees, pensioners will be informed immediately on any abnormality observed.

Physicians and radiologists traditionally have not specifically examined x-rays for minute, early signs of thickening of the lung lining (pleural thickening). Based on developments in and outside the Company during the past decade, medical knowledge and understanding of asbestos-related lung abnormalities have increased dramatically, making early identification of these abnormalities more feasible. Therefore, the review program is being conducted in the light of this increased knowledge and understanding to identify and follow up on any abnormalities which may have gone undetected by traditional methods.

The Medical Division began a program last year to better train Company physicians in early detection procedures. That training is now completed, and the physicians have been reviewing x-rays in conjunction with our

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