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Date July 16, 1987

Subject Va. Dept. of Occupational Health Survey (On-going)

From V. Weiss

To C. Borcharding



On Wednesday July 15, Mike Lindsay, Va. Div. of Occupational Health Compliance Officer made his final visit for monitoring purposes. His earlier visits were on 2/25/87, 4/9/87, and 5/6/87 as you are aware from prior correspondence.

In addition to yesterday, one short previous visit was made on Sunday afternoon, 6/21/87 to check exposure levels during routine Baghouse maintenance. Mike checked 2 Millwrights and stayed approximately 2.5 hours. Yesterday's visit entailed an 8 hour monitoring of the Millwright assigned to the new Pelletizing Building, which is in the de-bugging stage and not yet fully automatic. Also, two operators were monitored for lead exposure in Strip Preform.

No official results from any previous visits are yet available. Mike has informed us verbally however, that #16 Block Preform, monitored on 5/6/87, was above the P.E.L. at approximately .26. Based on this informal information the immediate action taken is described in the enclosed memo. As to past surveys for lead, Frank Hernandez mentioned to you yesterday, that VDOH wants to know what prompted administrative controls in the strip product line (rotating operators every 2 hours) back in 1983. We have the information requested by VDOH, the most recent Industrial Hygiene Survey for lead, which in fact prompted the above administrative controls.

We will, as in the past, keep you up to date on the on-going VDOH survey. Also Diane Kidd, our plant nurse, is currently attending the N.I.O.S.H. Seminar on fiber counting.

Sincerely,

V. Weiss
V.A. Weiss

Date July 16, 1987

Subject. #16 Block Preform Mach.

From: V.A. Weiss

To: M. Funk
D. Kidd, R.N.
B. Tizio

Due to verbal notification from Mr. Mike Lindsay regarding exposure above the P.E.L. (Permissible Exposure Limit) for asbestos, the following steps must be taken immediately:

1. An approved respirator must be used in conjunction with our respirator use program, when we are running asbestos mix in Preform machine #16.
(Responsibility-M. Funk)
2. Dust collection on #16 Preform machine will be improved.
(Responsibility-B. Tizio)
3. New fiber count baseline studies will be made to ascertain the effectiveness of Point #2.
(Responsibility-D. Kidd)

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