

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS/ANSWERS (CONTD.)

Q - There are a lot of employees on the plant who may believe they have been exposed to asbestos for years. Can they be included in the Medical surveillance program if they so desire?

A - Yes, providing there is sufficient indication of potential exposure.

Q - In air sample results, what effect does imbedded polymer dust in old insulation have on the asbestos sample results?

A - None. Polymer dust would have no effect on the asbestos result.

Q - Why are we more concerned over this item now than say 20 years ago?

A - Because we know more about the long-term effects, not only of asbestos but other airborne substances. OSHA began to recognize exposure to asbestos in the early 1970's and implemented stringent controls. The Du Pont Company also recognized the problem and began its monitoring program at the same time. Our monitoring program for the exposure of substances found in the workplace was expanded under the Textile Fibers Health Policy.

Q - What does the medical surveillance test consist of?

A - It includes the regular physical, a chest X-ray, history of respiratory diseases and a pulmonary functional test (forced vital capacity and forced expiratory volume).

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