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Dear Mr. Fassuliotis:

The GAF Corporation in Mobile was visited on March 15, 1979. Mr. Curtis Robinson, Plant Personnel and Safety Director, was absent due to illness; however, his capable acting Secretary was contacted and she provided me with the Monthly Injury Experience and highlight report for February, 1979. In addition, spot observations were made in the yard and warehouse areas to study the functional behavior of employees working in these areas.

Review of the monthly highlight report indicated Mr. Robinson and Nurse Williams attended a meeting in Tampa, Florida; there were ten (10) departmental safety meetings; three (3) fire drills and three (3) talks concerning fire extinguishers and fire safety. Copies of documents pertaining to G. Guerett and R. Rivers was received and coordinated further with Mr. Pritchett of Claims in the Birmingham Home Insurance office. The physician's statement for Mr. Rivers' disability is diagnosed asbestosis. On the death certificate for Mr. Guerett, asbestosis was the cause of death.

OSHA Compliance

The Mobile plant due to the number of employees and a major manufacturing plant in the area, is frequently subject to OSHA visits. All previous violations to my knowledge were immediately corrected and within 60 days OSHA would declare 100% compliance.



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Occupational Disease

Current exposures are in a controlled state and previous OSHA testing results placed the plant within acceptable threshold limits. The recent aforementioned incidents concerning asbestosis involved long term employees that used to work in the fiber mill prior to asbestos dust controls being installed; consequently, asbestosis was allegedly sustained contributing to one disability and one death.

Workers Compensation

During the month of February, 1979, there were no recordable injuries or illnesses, no lost time incidents and no lost time days, indicated in the records. January, 1979 records indicated there were two (2) recordable cases with no lost time involved. These figures accounted for 354 employees in January, with 58,060 manhours. February figures accounted for 382 employees and 57,460 manhours. Consequently, from January 1, 1979 to March 1, 1979 the injury and illness incident rate is 3.46, and the lost workday incident rate is 0. Both are well below the Bureau of Labor Statistics rates (Frequency--16.5, Severity--123.4).

General Liability

The Mobile location experienced no general liability claims in January and February, 1979, according to Mr. Champain, Management Representative.

Fleet

The company vehicle experience indicates one (1) accident. On February 5, 1979, the company vehicle was involved in an intersection collision and no injuries were reported. Fault in the accident was not received.

Safety Activities

The adopted formal corporate safety program under the direction of a local full time Safety Director continues to be supported by local management and enforced by the Safety Director and line supervision. Safety meetings, fire drills, and related safety activities continue to be scheduled and attended.

Recommendations

Outstanding - 79-2 The diesel fuel storage tanks for the boiler area should be diked.

No new recommendations are being submitted as a result of this visit.

Proposed Activities

For the month of April, 1979, proposed activities will include review of loss control data and observation of employees' functional behavior.

My next visit to the Mobile location is scheduled for April, 1979. In the meantime, if you have any questions or if we can be of further service, please advise.

Very truly yours,

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