

DIVISION OF SAFETY AND HYGIENE
INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION OF OHIO

Columbus, Ohio

October 11, 1957

RE: Koppers Company, Inc.
1159 Logan
Youngstown, OhioMr. James H. Fisher, Superintendent
Division of Safety & Hygiene
Columbus, Ohio

On September 25, 1957, a visit was made to the above-named Company to check the conditions under which an employee worked, who has filed a claim with the Industrial Commission alleging cancer of the upper lip.

Contact was made with Fred Locker, General Foreman.

The Company buys crude tar from cokeplants and distills this tar for making roofing pitch, hard pitch, fiber pitch, road material, light or chemical oils and creosote.

Water is one of the first products that comes off the stills. The water vapor goes into a sump approximately 30' west of the boiler house. The odors from the distilling process were quite noticeable in the boiler house. It is probable that some of these odors could be eliminated releasing them higher in the air or by burning them in proper combustion equipment.

Occasion was taken to visit the rest of the plant. Considerable tar vapors were noticed in the tar felt department. If the Company desires to improve conditions, it would be best to provide supplied tempered air to the positions in which employees worked, particularly, those at the take-off end of the process, then attempt to exhaust the entire operation.

Respectfully submitted,

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Industrial Hygiene Engineer

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