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1/12/63 J.M. Little discusses need for heavier shipping bags for Flossal asbestos

3/13/64 letter to Magnet Cove to repack Flossal (7: non-toxic) for sale

12/15/71 internal Drilling Specialties documents "5. Develop a safe method for the addition of Flossal to a drilling mud that will overcome any objections by environmental agencies to its use."

8/31/72 Observation of Mud Systems

housekeeping poor but doubtful there are health hazards

mentions use of respirators, workers could protect themselves better if worker had training to further protect himself (Det. p. 2)

4/9/75 dumping 50 lb bag of Flosal
caused visible cloud of dust
"precautionary statement on bags
"inadequate and located within
a few inches of the bottom on
the rear side of the bag."

5/16/78 If PEL reduced to 0.1 f/cc
as proposed by MOSH, respirator
would be needed.

Criticisms VCC as claiming
their packaging plastic "OSHA
approved."

1/31/79 Work Practices
admits they learned in 1970 Flosal
was potentially hazardous
pelletized product marketed in
1974

1979 MSDS - long term ^{to high concentration} exp. may
cause pulmonary disease

12/22/83 objections to warning
about lung cancer as distinct
pulmonary disease risk
(Dulling Spec. now part of
Phillips Petroleum)

9/10/82 insists Plossal is safe

3/25/83 profit v. law suits
calculation model
"reward: risk ratio"