

FILE NAME: Firestone (FIRE)

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B.C. Notes - URW request to OSHA for inspection of Decatur plant with claims the the company tries to hide problem areas during OSHA inspections

2140 East Division
Decatur, Illinois 62526

March 26, 1974

U. S. Department of Labor
O.S.A. Office - Room 1200
300 South Wacker
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Dear Sirs:

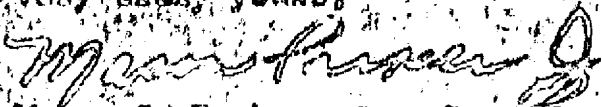
Confirming my discussion with Mr. Beasley, consider this as a request for an inspection of the Firestone Tire & Rubber plant in Decatur, Illinois. The location is 2500 North 22nd Street and the plant is a producer of passenger and truck tires.

The reason for this request is due to almost unbearable conditions in our Banbury mixing department. We have a severe problem with the inadequate ventilation in this area. Further, we've had several problems with skin rashes, which we think are associated with the improper use of two (2) chemicals, Resorcinol Technical Grade Florch and Hexamethylenetetramine Powder.

It has been our past experience that the company has taken several steps to hide the problem areas, when it is known that an inspection is to occur. Therefore, a true picture is not seen by the inspector.

We ask that our Local Union Safety Committee have the opportunity to consult with your inspector when he visits our plant.

Very truly yours,



Marion S. Parker, Jr., President
Local 713, United Rubber Workers

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Dennis Daley - Chairman.

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