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ASBESTOS WORKERS' PHYSICAL EXAM PROGRAM

About a year ago, the Asbestos Workers initiated a physical examination program, including chest X-rays, for all of their membership for the purpose of determining the causes of respiratory diseases among them. Although I have never seen any facts or figures to support it, it is possible that this group may have a higher incidence of lung problems than most workers in other fields.

I am enclosing copies of several articles describing their program and want to call particular attention to the fact that they are submitting collected data to the American Medical Association for early publication.

We are currently trying to determine the nature of the data submitted to the A.M.A. as it is probable that asbestos is one of a number of suspected materials and Fiberglas may also be mentioned as a possible hazard.

Dr. Robert Kahoe, Director of Kettering Laboratory, Cincinnati, Ohio will be in New York this coming week and will attempt to determine the nature of the material submitted to the A.M.A.

If you have any suggestions or comments, I will appreciate receiving them.



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