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RESPONSE

DATE December 17, 1968

TO Mr. J. George Piccoli
LOCATION New York

FROM H. R. Mesler, Jr.
LOCATION Bound Brook

SUBJECT: SAFETY - DUST CONTROL

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In accordance with the assignment given to me, as a result of the meeting held on November 6th with reference to environmental health problems in the Building, Industrial, & Floor Products Divisions, I have been in contact with the operating personnel of all three divisions.

(1) - In connection with the Industrial Products Divisions, and as a result of discussions with Messrs. Gedettis, Stansfield, and Johnston, the following priorities were developed:

- a. Delth - It is felt that this plant is the worst of all the Industrial Products plants from a dust point of view, and the entire plant should be surveyed. *closed*
- b. Vermont - Recent dust counts taken at this plant indicate there are certain areas where the dust count is extremely high. The St. Regis packers on the first floor, the waste conveyor under the silos, the dry rock storage tunnel, and several other areas are extremely bad and need attention. If the threshold limit value of chrysotile asbestos dust is set at two million particles per cubic foot of air as is proposed, then all except one of the eighteen readings taken at this plant in July-1967 exceed the threshold limit.
- c. Annapolis - The silica content of the stone at this plant is very high, therefore this location was listed next in line. However, dust counts were taken very recently but we do not, as yet, have a report of the readings. Preliminary reports indicate that conditions are not good.
- d. Fairmount - This entire plant should be surveyed.
- e. Charmian - This entire plant should be surveyed.
- f. Bound Brook - This entire plant should be surveyed.
- g. Kremlin - This entire plant should be surveyed.

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As a result of correspondence received from Mr. W. F. Armstrong, it appears that wool felt plants should be surveyed both for dust and noise, particularly in the picking, hardening, and drying areas, in the following order:

- (a) Glenville
- (b) Newburgh
- (c) Franklin
- (d) Westerly
- (e) Staffordsville

Besides the noise and dust conditions, other health problems exist which should be investigated. I believe these can be handled separately and although they are part of the over-all environmental health problem, they are not related to dust or noise.

- (2) - The problems in the Floor Tile Division were discussed with Mr. Walter Foote and he feels, inasmuch as conditions are relatively the same in all plants, that it is not necessary to set up a priority list. The Vails Gate plant has already been surveyed, and work is under way to correct the dust situation at this plant. In view of this, I feel that we do not need to consider Vails Gate at this time. The Banbury deck areas at Houston, Joliet, and Long Beach should be surveyed whenever it is convenient and practical to do so. We have some information concerning the Houston plant, which is also indicative of conditions at Joliet and Long Beach.
- (3) - I met with Messrs. Neil, Faneuf, and Hoeltzel for the purpose of determining the needs in the Building Products Division, and the following was developed:
 - a. Those plants using fiber fluffers should be given first consideration, in the following order:

- 1. Mobile
- 2. Joliet
- 3. Millis
- 4. Erie
- 5. Minneapolis
- 6. Kansas City
- 7. Baltimore

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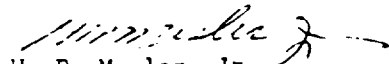
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- b. At the Mobile plant, the beaten floor and scrap grinding areas in the Asbestos Cement Department were considered as being the worst and should receive immediate attention.
- c. The areas on our Roofing Machines, between the coating drum and the cutter, should be surveyed in the following order:
 - 1. Erie
 - 2. So. Bound Brook
 - 3. Baltimore
 - 4. Denver
 - 5. Millis
 - 6. Dallas
 - 7. Savannah
 - 8. Mobile
 - 9. Kansas City
 - 10. Tampa
 - 11. Minneapolis
 - 12. Joliet

There are other areas, such as the fiber fluffing and the sawing and trimming areas in the Calsilite Department at Gloucester, the joint compound mixing area at Wheatland, and the Automotive Department at Joliet which should receive attention. Also, there are additional areas in our plants which are known to be hazardous to a lesser degree than those listed herein and it is suggested that whenever a plant is surveyed, the items listed herein be given priority but that all dusty areas be included.

Further details regarding any of this information will be given upon request.


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