

INDUSTRIAL UNION
DEPARTMENT
AFFIL-CHIC



Area Code 702 338-5501

U.I.W. / Local President
Jacob Grayson, Secretary-Treasurer

September 25, 1974

Dr. William M. Johnson
626 South Staunton Drive
Tucson, Arizona 85710

NOTE: THIS DOCUMENT DID
NOT COME FROM PPG FILES

Dear Bill:

Last month we received a copy of the memorandum you sent the Occupational Safety and Health Administration on Fort Allegany. You were right and I am wrong about the response of OSHA to that memorandum.

In conversations with the regional director (Rhona), it is obvious that there was a conscious attempt to ignore an inspection of the plant such as should have resulted from your transmission.

I intend to investigate this case further since it may be necessary to request disciplinary action.

The other side of the coin is that at that point in OSHA's history the federal government had little capability in industrial hygiene and there was a great deal of confusion in the State of Pennsylvania due to a lack of coordination between the State and the federal government. The mistakes may have been honest, but if they were not we will demand our pound of flesh.

We are making some progress in setting up medical surveillance in Fort Allegany; the first compensation case for asbestosis has already been settled. We need to find a means of supplementing the criminally insufficient award given this case and of protecting the other men and possibly their families who we know are likely to be adversely affected.

Best wishes, keep in touch.

Sheldon W. Samuels, Director
Health, Safety and Environment

BB 0000675

01 3155

opeiu#2

VICE PRESIDENTS:
VICE PRESIDENTS:

Peter Sammons
Philip Sammons
Walter Smith
Sylvester Smith
Deane Doyles

Max Greenberg
Maurice Greenberg
Maurice Greenberg
Philip Greenberg
Gilbert Greenberg

William Lucy
William Lucy
Charles Lucy
Harry Lucy
Frank Anthony

A. Philo Ransome
A. Philo Ransome
Walter Ransome
Randy Ransome
David Ransome

Jack Steinman
Jack Steinman
Eugene Steinman
Eugene Steinman
Eugene Steinman

James P. Tamm
James P. Tamm
Shawn Tamm
Clyde Wadler
Clyde Wadler