

J-M Manufacturing Company, Inc.

Internal Correspondence

To: W. G. Burnett, Stockton

Date: March 8, 1984

From: W. R. Arant, Denison

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Copies: T. E. Lohman

Subject: EMPLOYEES PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

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I have reviewed the proposed physical examination guidelines for PVC personnel, asbestos exposed personnel, and office personnel.

Section 1001 of the Federal Occupational Safety & Health Standards requires that all employees exposed to airborne concentrations of asbestos fibers be provided an annual comprehensive physical examination. This is in conflict with Mr. Ed Wang's recommended medical program for employees exposed to airborne asbestos fibers. Mr. Wang's proposed guidelines only provide for a physical exam of the respiratory and gastrointestinal system every three years for those workers under 40, with less than 10 years of exposure.

Another problem we are faced with in Denison is that 95% of our employees are exposed to airborne asbestos fibers at some time. It is very difficult, if not impossible, to determine who should get what type of physical. It is my recommendation that all employees at Denison receive the physical exam outlined in Table II, with the following changes:

Item #2 - Periodic exam - General physical exam to include an exam of the respiratory and gastrointestinal system by a licensed physician - Annual

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Item #12 - Obtaining serum specimen to determine total bilirubin, alkaline phosphatase, SGOT, SGBT, and gamma glutamyl - All pre-employment, periodic as outlined in item #9 of Table I, termination exam as outlined in item #9 of Table I.

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To: W. G. Burnett, Stockton

Date: January 6, 1984

From: T. E. Lohman, Denison *sl*

Copies: W. R. Arant, Plant Nurse

Subject: MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

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uniform program?

We recently received the results of the industrial hygiene survey that was conducted in late September and early October of 1983. According to the survey results, we have no areas in our plant that are equal to or above the current action level for VCM (0.5PPM). Based on these results, we will eliminate the SMAC 20 blood test from our physical exam program effective immediately. We are also eliminating the EKG from our physical exam program. **This was a requirement under the previous ownership, but not a requirement of the Occupational Safety and Health Act.** *BB*

We will continue to perform the following items as part of our medical surveillance program:

Chest X-ray
Eye Examination
Urinalysis
Pulmonary Function Test
Blood Pressure & Vital Signs

Hearing Test
Medical History
Exam by Licensed Physician
Consultation of Findings

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Bill:
The action taken by Denison plant is appropriate. All the rest plants (except McNary plant) may take the same action if their VCM exposures were below 0.5 ppm. For McNary plant, it depends on the regulations of the Oregon State Authorities.

Ed Wang
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