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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

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REGION VI
INDUSTRY OR SERVICE
Glass and Asbestos Products
DATE OF ACTIVITY 2/7/71

FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT
(Occupational Health)

PLANT Pittsburgh-Corning Corporation			
ADDRESS Box 37, Port Allegany		ZIP CODE 16743	TELEPHONE (814) 642-2552
PERSON INTERVIEWED See below		TITLE	
EMPLOYEES	IND. CODE	COUNTY	
MALE FEMALE TOTAL 400	32	42	
PUNCH CARD YES ☒ NO ☐	FOLDER YES ☒ NO ☐	N.S.N. YES ☐ NO ☒	

PURPOSE: INVEST. SURVEY. INSP. PRELIM. F.U. CONF. VISIT. OTHER

REASON: SELF-INIT. P.D. REP. COMPL. REQUEST. SOURCE Dr. William Johnson, NIOSH

SAMPLES COLLECTED N/A TOTAL

DETERM. MADE N/A

MEDICAL - O.D. REPORTED. NO. & KIND N/A

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RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS			
SPECIFIC HAZARD OR CONDITION	WORKERS EXPOSED	RECOMMENDATIONS	ACCOMPLISHED
		WRITTEN - VERBAL	YES NO IN PROG.

In attendance were: Dr. Lee Grant, Medical Director, PPG Corp. & Consultant to Pgh-Corning; E. W. (Sandy) Hollman, Vice President of Mfg. Technology, Pgh-Corning (PC); Carl Olm, Works Manager (PC); Dick Murray, Personnel Mgr. (PC); George Gregory, Safety & Environmental Control Rep. (PC); Dr. Shiro Tanaka of the State Occupational Health Program; Dr. William Johnson, Acting Chief, Medical Investigations Branch NIOSH; Dick Levin, Industrial Hygienist Field Investigations Branch NIOSH; David Balis, Acting Chief Biometry Branch NIOSH; Charles Croop, President, Local 1019 American Flint Glass Workers Union of North America.

A discussion of the history of asbestos use at the plant was given by Dr. Grant. Use began in 1962. The medical monitoring program was also discussed; the company provided 14 x 17 chest x-rays for Unibestos Department employees in 1966 and 1969. The Federal Government will conduct a 14 x 17 chest x-ray exam the week of September 13, including pulmonary function and a detailed work in smoking history. The company plans to continue the x-ray exams every 10 years for the next ten for unibestos employees. Dr. Grant was concerned that neither the State nor Federal Government could give the results of individual x-ray examinations to the company. Dr. Grant thought he needed this to make decisions on possible reassignment of personnel. Dr. Tanaka pointed out that this information could not be presented without consent of the individual worker. The problem was apparently partially resolved when the union president agreed to make extra effort to get this permission from employees in the Unibestos Department.

A new product replacing asbestos with mineral wool and call it unibest is planned to be in production entirely within 12 months. The product reportedly gives a lower total dust concentration than unibestos.

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