

results of this study, the newest shaft at the Jeffrey mine is located in one of the most heavily tremolite contaminated parts of the mine.(Charles Normand 2001)

Tremolite and other fibers that are released during the mining process end up in the bags of end product. Therefore it is likely that current and past shipments from this mine and all other Quebec mines were contaminated with tremolite, crocidolite and amosite.(De 1961;Gibbs 1972) This conflicts with information dispensed to the public by The Asbestos Institute (AI).(2001a) The AI doesn't mention the fact that crocidolite and amosite are also present in the mine ore, and claims that tremolite is removed through various mining and milling processes. (De 1961) This is simply untrue; in fact other McGill researchers have shown that some of the mined tremolite ends up in the lungs of US workers.(Sebastien et al. 1989b;Gibbs 1972) Clearly the idea that current shipments of asbestos are amphibole-free is a myth, and one that continues to pose a grave threat to worker health. It remains to be seen whether or not the mine operators will implement the authors' suggested survey techniques in the future.

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