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Memorandum to

Dr. G. K. Martin,
Executive Director,
Community Health Division.

From

V. L. Tiday, M.D.,
Acting Director,
Occupational Health Protection Branch.

Re Crocidolite Asbestos in Garlock of Canada

Dr. Coyle in his memorandum dated March 19, 1975, has referred to Mr. Penner's memorandum regarding the use of blue asbestos (Crocidolite) in Garlock of Canada Limited, Toronto. I agree with Dr. Coyle that any unnecessary use of blue asbestos should be avoided. However, as Mr. Penner's memorandum suggests the main competitor of the above-mentioned company is in Quebec and thus, beyond our jurisdiction.

During a recent visit one of our engineering staff has requested the company to supply us with the names of their competitors. To date, no information has been received. It is probable that they do not have a major competitor in Ontario.

Two things that must be realized here are that the blue asbestos used by Garlock of Canada is not received in the loose fibre form but in the yarn form and that there is a viable alternative in form of teflon yarn although twice as expensive. In a recent Occupational Health Protection Branch field visit report the requirements for the control of blue asbestos exposure have been made more stringent and a direction has been suggested to find a substitute. It is hoped that the company would either eliminate the use of blue asbestos or implement the other requirements to reduce the exposure to a minimum.

V. L. Tiday, M.D.

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Date March 19, 1975

Memorandum to

Dr. V. Tidey, Senior Medical Consultant,

Occupational Health Branch

c.c. Mr. Nelson
Dr. Rorabeck

From

Dr. J. E. Cowle, Chief

Industrial Chest Disease Service

Re Crocidolite Asbestos Use
Garlock Packing Company

I enclose a self-explanatory memorandum from Mr. Penner concerning the above mentioned company.

This appears to be a use of the blue fibre which can be avoided if the competitors follow suit.

With a view to prevention of potential disease I suggest that the matter be given serious consideration.

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Date ...March 11, 1975.....

MEMORANDUM TO

.....Dr. J.E. Cowle.....
Chief
.....Industrial Chest Disease.....

FROM

.....Mr. J. Penner.....

.....Industrial Health Counsellor.....

RE.....Crocidolite Asbestos.....

We were informed by Mr. Dave Milligan, Plant Manager of Garlock of Canada Ltd, Toronto that they would be willing to discontinue using blue asbestos provided their competitors are forced to do likewise. Their main competitors are in Quebec and Ontario. Anchor Packing Company in Quebec is one of their major competitors.

J. Penner

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