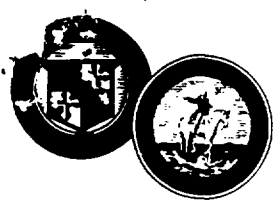


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July 7, 1969

Mr. Peter Kostic, Safety Administrator
Dewey and Almy Chemical Division
W. R. Grace & Co.
Cambridge, Mass. 02140

Dear Peter:

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Zonolite Division
Libby, Montana

Supplementing the last information I forwarded concerning the dust conditions at this mill, I have received a report from Joe Baker dated May 27, 1969. In the event that you are not already aware of what took place creating the unusual conditions, this may be of interest.

When the extremely high readings were taken on March 27, 1969, one of the cyclones was being taken out and replaced. Operations continued during this demolition and replacement period, with no regard for personnel.

Readings were taken on April 29 when conditions were returning to normal. Mr. Baker is optimistic on the improvements and thinks that Mr. Lubbock is doing a good job.

Although I think, as we both realize, only a new mill with built-in dust control equipment will provide a safe working environment at this location, installation of washers in the exhaust would certainly be beneficial if present equipment must continue to be used.

I believe you already have the dust readings so I will only quote the proportion or variation between March 3, 1969, March 27, 1969 and April 29, 1969:

6th Floor	3.1 p.p.m.	-	50.4 p.p.m.	-	12.3 p.p.m.
5th Floor	2.4 p.p.m.	-	38.0 p.p.m.	-	7.8 p.p.m.
4th Floor	1.5 p.p.m.	-	56.8 p.p.m.	-	13.4 p.p.m.
3rd Floor	1.7 p.p.m.	-	59.9 p.p.m.	-	7.2 p.p.m.
HD	3.8 p.p.m.	-	141.6 p.p.m.	-	8.8 p.p.m.
2nd Floor	1.6 p.p.m.	-	74.7 p.p.m.	-	8.2 p.p.m.
1st Floor	1.9 p.p.m.	-	46.4 p.p.m.	-	6.8 p.p.m.

I am not sending copies of this correspondence to anyone other than our Mr. Joe Baker in hopes that you and I can properly evaluate what is taking place at this mill before I write my next service letter

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on this location.

Kindest personal regards.

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Yours very truly,


L. E. Park
Engineering Analyst

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CC: Mr. Joe Baker
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