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E & ECT:	July 17, 1987 INSULATION INSPECTION

On July 15, Sid Haynes and I conducted an asbestos insulation inspection in Facilities 26, 30, and 33. Deterioration of weather coating and insulation on many lines and vessels has occurred through the years and the need for repair or removal is evident.

It is also evident that our personnel are not aware of the hazards involved in handling asbestos insulation. During the inspection we found line insulation (12" line) containing asbestos on top of No. 3 settler that had been stripped. In Facility 42, insulation had also been stripped off a line. Again, the insulation contained asbestos. Scalers are shooting holes in insulation to get to the pipe that is to be scaled. This was evident in many cases.

These types of practice have to be stopped. All insulation will be inspected before it is removed for any job. Proper procedures have to be followed when working around asbestos insulation. When in doubt, we can have our lab check insulation for asbestos.

Facility 26 overall needs to be worked the most. Asbestos is falling from tanks and lines and is laying on catwalks through busy access areas that can pose a problem. Area superintendents will be called upon to write work orders on many insulation jobs in an attempt to correct the situation at hand.

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