PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT
BRK-217

September 10, 1942

Medical Department
The Industrial Commission of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

In re: O. D. 2[illegible]
Geo. Chymer, deceased

Gentlemen:

On September 3, the writer visited the Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation, Youngstown, Ohio, to check conditions under which the above named decedent had worked. This company manufactures steel products.

The decedent was a skip hoist operator. He had worked in this capacity for this company for more than 25 years. It was his duty to valve limestone and coke into a skip hoist and elevate the same to the top of the blast furnace. The other materials iron ore, cinder (which is dust from the furnaces which has been collected in a dust collector and conditioned into a form that can be put into the furnace) and dolomite is dumped into the hoist from a lorry car. Water is valved on this material in the skip hoist. The operator's station is about 12' above the track level of the lorry car.

A small amount of dust particularly from the coke which is now one-half bee-hive coke because of the shortage of coke, is created when the coke is dumped into the skip hoist car. It is reported that there is less dust when by-product coke is used. The area in which the decedent worked is covered but is open on several sides. The writer could see no unusual condition which would cause this decedent to have contracted tuberculosis or any other lung disease for that matter.

Very truly yours,

DeWitt Huffman,
Safety Engineer

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