

Rapauco Works

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MEMORANDUM

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ASBESTOSIS

Concern has been gradually increasing over exposure to asbestos and various insulating materials and the alleged relationship to asbestosis and pulmonary cancers.

A pilot study is now under way within the Company to determine a plan of action regarding this problem. It is suggested at this time that the purchase of expensive equipment or the beginning of a definitive program be deferred until specific recommendations are available so that a uniform Company-wide policy prevails.

In an effort to accumulate as much information as possible, will you provide answers to the following where applicable to your department or area, or in the event you have answers to specific items.

- A. How many full-time insulators do you have in your department or area? *None*
- B. How many employees do part-time insulating? *ONE*
- (c) What proportion of the time? *50%*
- C. List the three most prevalent types of insulating materials used in your department or area. *Asbestos, Fiberglass*
- D. Is there any spraying of insulating materials in your department or area?
- E. Give the number of each of the following your department or area has experienced, if any:
- (a) Asbestosis. *None*
- (b) Lung cancers among insulators. *None*
- F. List briefly any preventive measures or safety equipment required in your department or area when:

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- (a) Saving insulating materials. *Aspicator 1 + mental*
- (b) Removing obsolete insulation. *None*
- (c) Spraying insulating materials. *Aspicator*

It is anticipated that some answers will be approximations, but please forward any information available to Works' Medical as soon as possible.

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