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Division of Industrial Safety

State House, Boston 33

December 29, 1952

Dr. Hervey B. Elkins, Acting Director
Division of Occupational Hygiene
286 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Dr. Elkins:

Enclosed please find progress report from Inspector Edward J. Meehan of our Lawrence Office relative to the recommendations made by your Division to the H. & V. Specialties Co., West Groton, which you will find self-explanatory.

Very truly yours,

WM. H. WELLEN
DIRECTOR

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Lawrence, December 18, 1952

Mr. John A. Scanga
Supv. Inspector
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I made reinspection today of H & V Specialties Co., West Groton, in connection with order #20 which was issued on November 20, 1952, after I had visited this plant accompanied by Messrs. Baverly and Comproni of the Division of Occupational Hygiene.

I found that since the order was issued the company has been experimenting in order to try and find a substitute for the asbestos used in the manufacture of filter cloth.

However, as they are still using asbestos they have started to comply with the recommendations made as follows.

1. One dozen approved Type A respirators have been ordered for use of the employees.

2. A wet condensor has been ordered to eliminate the cloth bag dust collectors.

3. Industrial vacumn cleaners have been purchased and are being used for cleaning floors, machines etc.

A new picker has been installed on second floor to replace the old type which operated on the first floor. This machine is not yet in operation and mechanics were installing exhaust system on it at time of reinspection.

I am submitting this report of progress to you so that you may inform Division of Occupational Hygiene.

Very truly yours,

EDW. J. MEEHAN
Industrial Inspector

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