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Asbestos Pneumoconiosis

More than ten years ago the Saranac Laboratory started animal experiments using asbestos dust to determine the effects on lung tissue. This program was underwritten by Johns-Manville and by several other companies.

The results of these many studies have just now been compiled in the form of a report, entitled "Asbestos Pneumoconiosis," dated January 31, 1949.

It has been generally agreed here that, inasmuch as asbestos is widely used in your operations, you would be interested in studying the report and seeing that other appropriate personnel at your location also become familiar with it.

Accordingly, a copy is attached to each letter.

Attached also is a copy of a letter dated March 4, 1949, from Vandiver Brown to C. George Krueger, of the Division of Engineering and Safety, Department of Labor of New Jersey. This letter gives some pertinent information about the background of the report, as well as some of the findings themselves, and I think that this will be of interest to you.

Attached also is a brief resume of the findings and comments pertaining to their application to our own problems.

If you have any comments or questions on this subject, I should appreciate hearing from you.

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