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cc: E.Pgh. Works - 4-G-10 - Accident Prevention - E. J. Klavety, Mgr.
cc: E.Pgh. Works - 12-L - TED - A. Svet, Mfgrg. Superintendent

The first follow-up to my letter of April 24 to you was made May 11. Mr. Frank Klavas called this office to request us to observe a milling operation of an asbestos-cement sheet, Ⓖ M-46316. This operation is described by Shop Order #97166302, Drawing #059A0756, Item 3, and was being done on Machine #56825 at Column 5, Section F-1.

The operation was observed at 2:30 P.M. and found to produce the expected large quantities of fine, airborne dust that is typical of machining asbestos-cement material. In our judgement, there is little doubt that the operation is being exposed to concentrations of airborne asbestos dust well in excess of permissible levels.

During the interim period until suitable corrective engineering can be implemented, we recommend that the operator be fitted with appropriate respiratory protection. He should be properly instructed in the use of this equipment and required to wear it. The minimum acceptable equipment would be the Dust-Foe 77 Respirator, Ⓖ M-76528MC.

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