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A review of the Special Hazards Survey carried out on April 27 by the Aetna Life and Casualty Company demonstrated, in some areas of the Berlin Plant, slight excursions above the threshold limit values of asbestos. These excursions occurred at 3 of the 12 work locations sampled. The threshold limit values, in general, are indicators which help the environmentalist to define healthful work conditions. Unless they are assigned as a ceiling value, they are merely bench marks and not absolute values.

In the case of asbestosis, which is believed can cause cancers in some individuals, it is prudent to stay within the threshold limit values. Therefore, in early June, a study is going to be carried out with the director of environmental control and several outside consultants and my office, to determine the correct atmospheric exposure to asbestos dust. This study will be directed to both in-plant conditions as well as effluent discharge to the surrounding environment.

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