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RECOMMENDATIONS COVERING RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS TO BE OBSERVED BY EMPLOYEES HANDLING ASBESTOS:

1. Respirators should be furnished by the Company and orders issued that they should be worn at all times when handling asbestos. Attention is called to some of the specific instances where respirators are required.

Loading or unloading shipments of asbestos.
Mixing asbestos.
Removing lagging from boilers.
Removing lagging from pipes.
Breaking up or grinding asbestos.

2. Before removing lagging from a boiler, either locomotive or stationary, asbestos must be sprayed with water sufficiently to lay the dust.

3. When possible, lagging should be removed at night or when there is the least number of men working in the vicinity where the asbestos is being removed.

4. Grinding asbestos causes excessive dust. The grinders should either be equipped with exhaust systems or removed from the State of Illinois.

5. Each employee required to wear a respirator should be furnished one for his individual use or one that has been sterilized if previously used by any other persons.

6. For additional comfort and cleanliness, each respirator should be equipped with knitted contact pad to fit between face and the respirator.

7. Foremen should make periodical checks to see that respirators fit properly, and to note that they are in good condition.

8. Foremen should be held responsible for seeing that respirators are worn in accordance with instructions.

9. It is suggested that the above recommendations be communicated directly to the foremen involved. Publicity on the above might suggest the making of claims.