

PITTSBURGH CORNING CORPORATION

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To Mr. E. W. Holman

From G. S. Gregory

Subject Plant 6

Date June 24, 1971

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The attached is one of the possibilities we have anticipated. We would have trouble meeting the requirements under normal circumstances. We are in much worse shape now because the lack of long fiber has built up enormous piles of scrap which literally fill the plant.

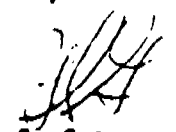
They have some long fiber and are trying to gain on the scrap. The chances of doing it in a month or two appear slim. I cannot conceive of a satisfactory answer, unless durable, waterproof bags might be found to permit safe storage outside. Even that would just put us back in the condition we were when the state ran tests.

If the state man visit in the meantime I think they would very likely declare the plant to be an eminent danger and exercise their authority to close.

I sent a copy of the attached to Paul Martha and we discussed the matter some when Bill and I met with him on June 22.

Since Carl is away, I discussed this with Bill Williams so that he is aware of it. If he can figure any move which will help, I am sure he will act.

I hope I am overstating the situation, but do not think so.


G. S. Gregory

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Attach.

cc: C. Olm

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20 August 1971

Mr. H. J. Surovics
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Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 17, 1971, the following has been done in compliance with your recommendations:

1. A variance has been filed from the provisions of the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 regarding the use of asbestos fibers.
2. The Corporation has been and is now engaged in development work on a substitute for asbestos fibers. This substitute is presently in production, three shifts per day.
3. The periodic medical chest x-ray examination program will be continued. In addition, arrangements are being made for employees who have been exposed to the asbestos situations to receive an extensive medical history, physical examination and pulmonary function tests. This is being done through the Port Allegany Community Hospital.
4. The dust collection and ventilation system is kept in good repair and operating condition, and is cleaned once a week.
5. Every attempt is being made to maintain good housekeeping standards at the feeding and fluffing machines in the Forming Department. Industrial vacuum cleaners are being used more frequently in the entire plant.
6. An experimental program has just been completed testing new respirators for use with asbestos dust. These tests were satisfactory, and the use of the new type respirator will be a condition of employment when an adequate supply is obtained.

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The objective of the Corporation is to develop a suitable substitute for asbestos fibers as soon as possible, and every effort is being made to accomplish this goal.

Very truly yours,

PITTSBURGH CORNING CORPORATION

J. R. Murray
J. R. MURRAY
Personnel Manager

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