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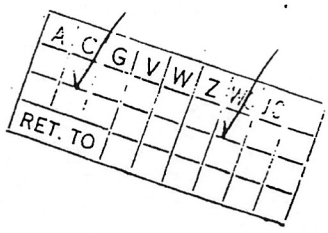
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Asbestos Standard

A new standard on asbestos fiber concentration including limits, means of control, record keeping, labeling and medical examination requirements is now in effect. It is summarized in the appendix to this bulletin.

The following action is recommended in order to comply with this standard.

1. Have a dust count made for all operations involving asbestos. (American Mutual made one for Walterboro in April.)

2. Procure and use warning labels for asbestos waste and products. (The question of hazard level of products will be investigated. In the meantime I recommend use of the label unless Marketing feels it would have an adverse effect on customers. It is my belief that we will be able to show that the label is not required on our products).

3. Initiate required housekeeping procedures for asbestos waste such as:

   a. Absolutely no blow down of asbestos looms, warpers, winders.

   b. Collect asbestos waste in plastic bags, seal them and use warning labels.

4. Advise if there are areas that will require use of personal protective equipment. There are a number of special requirements to be complied with.

5. Check your physical examination program. Identify workers exposed to asbestos and set up a file. The employer, not the physician, is responsible for maintaining records. (The required physical examinations are covered by the program already in use at Walterboro.)

6. Be aware that the periodic dust counts, physical examinations, record keeping, and proper handling and labeling of waste is required if asbestos is used. These do not depend on the level of airborne concentration.

7. Advise if there are areas which require additional ventilation for compliance. There are standards covering such installations. These standards are on order and will be available for your use.

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