

November 29, 1965

TO: Mr. J. W. McMillan, Plant Manager
Pittsburgh Corning Corporation
Tyler, Texas

FROM: Lee B. Grant, M.D., Medical Director
Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

SUBJECT: Initial Medical Staff Visit - November 8, 1965

1. Purpose

This visit was made at the request of Mr. Byrl Stout, Vice President of Manufacturing, Pittsburgh Corning Corporation. The principal purpose of this initial visit was to become acquainted with the personnel, operations and facilities of the Tyler Plant and to consult with and advise plant management on occupational and medical problem areas.

2. Scope

Mr. J. W. McMillan met Dr. Grant at the Tyler Airport, and they returned to the plant and discussed the plant Medical and Safety Program following which they observed the plant operation. Dr. Grant met Mr. C. Van Horn who is the assistant plant manager and handles the Safety Program and Mr. McMurray who is the day shift maintenance and production superintendent. At the close of the visit, the following comments and/or recommendations were discussed with Mr. McMillan.

3. Comments and/or recommendations

Asbestos Dust Exposure. Shortly after Pittsburgh Corning took over the plant operation from U.I.A.R.CO, the Industrial Hygiene Foundation did an industrial hygiene survey which found the dust control procedures adequate. Only the dust collector cleaning operation, which is done once a day, produced significant dust exposure to asbestos. The employee exposed was adequately protected with a dust respirator. No change has taken place in the operation since the survey. Employees are given annual chest X-rays, and no significant findings related to asbestos exposure have been encountered. Most of the present employees have worked at the plant since 1954 (11 years).

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Comment: It is desirable to resurvey operations where potential asbestos dust exposures exist at least every two years to have evidence of the fact that control measures remain adequate. Upon request, Mr. Grant will make arrangements for the resurvey.

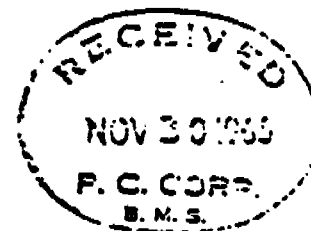
Chest X-rays taken of asbestos workers periodically should be interpreted by a physician certified by the American Board of Roentgenology. These measures will provide medical-legal evidence important in preventing the development of unjust claims for asbestosis.

Lee B. Grant, M.D.

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