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Pars Mfg Ambler PA Gasket & Packing plant

- 6/20/66 recommend establishing pre-placement and periodic chest x-ray program
- 7/6/66 letter to owner also attached Hygiene Info Guide entitled "Asbestos", Booklet entitled "Dust", and article 432 as revised (law?)

Benjamin Foster Co

- 1966 – letter from US Dept HEW describes Asbestos attached references
- 1967 dust counts
  - 5below 5 MPPCF
  - Others 6.0, 9.6, 16.0, 33.4
- Respirators discussed
- Employees sent for chest x-ray
- 12/67 dust counts improved 1.4 – 4.6 MPPCF

Sun Shipbuilding

- 11/28/61 plant info record lists occupational hazard not including asbestos
- 5/22/69 Visited the company to deliver the film "Hidden Hazards"
- 3/2869 State approves air recirculation system, whose approval the company requested on 3/13/69
- 3/10/69 Film "All in a Day's work" shown to management who said it was "too technical" to show employees
- Refers to pipe insulation work for which the company had contacted "Clarke Steven to do their asbestos dust counting"
- Some other documents on welding and other hazards including names of management officials

Pecora Chemical

- 7/20/70 refers to 1968 asbestos survey (no details of 1968 survey found
- 7/23/64 Survey recommends respirator for some plant workers and annual chest x-rays Enclosed "Dust" booklet and Hygiene Info Guide entitled "Asbestos" and Act 432
- Dust counts 1.4 -4.1 MPPCF
- Report still recommends respirators for some workers: "it should also be emphasizing that cases of lung disease have occurred among workers exposed to low dust concentrations"
- 8/9/71(?) Field report shows government inspectors interested in asbestos but told none used "currently"

Melrath Supply & Gasket Co

- Steel, copper, wood dust (dust handling system for welding & soldering
- Late 1970 series of inspections
- Report mentions 50 workers exposed to "Be and Asbestos" out of 152 workers
- Refers to chest x-ray program

- Nothing else on asbestos

Yarway BlueBell PA

- 5/25/70 wood dust, solvents, noise, welding, metal fumes and gases, toluol, etc
- Nothing on asbestos
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Certain-Teed.

- 1966 Investigation of workmen's compensation claim for fiberglass exposed worker names safey supervisor Edward Kilgallon and physician Dr J Buckley Mountaintop PA Report by Donald Bottomley M.D.
- Other inspections of roofing plant fiberglass, silica, static, ceramics, talc
- 10/2/68 discussions of asbestos sampling at York led government inspector to decide not to do testing
- 1/11/60 Occ. Health nursing report on Bestwall Gypsum Co, Certain-Teed, Paoli PA , names management personnel
- No other info
- 4/27/73 field report on Ambler pipe plant
- Results of 1972 chest x-rays include "10 abnormal results" out of 53, rest to be submitted 2/74
- Undated printed report (source undisclosed) say workers at Certain-Teed Ft Washington plant getting lung function tests

Goodyear

- 1967 Told to substitute benzene with less toxic paint and varnish remover
- Nothing on asbestos, some brief reference to other health hazards in rubber plant.

Bendix York,PA

- 1966-1969 Fibrous glass dust from printed circuit boards
- Some dust counts recorded, well within legal limits
- Nothing on asbestos

The Warren Co Erie PA

- Fiberglass products, nothing on asbestos