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Kentile

Made flooring sheet and tile in Brooklyn, Chicago, Torrance CA. starting 1930, used 20% asbestos at first and later went down to 15% and 10%, stopped using asb. in July 1986 allegedly because of changes to OSHA regs. First Kentile product warnings ~ 1978 used non-OSHA language ("inhalation of asbestos may be injurious to your health"); Kentile noticed warnings from asb. supplier J-M in 1968. Belonged to RFCI, AIA. First acquired knowledge of cancer hazard from asbestos in "1970s, OSHA". (Answers to Interrogatories)

1964 -- Plant I.H. airborne asbestos dust survey (Liberty Mutual) total dust counts 8-33 MPPCF, asb. 1 MPPCF -- reported w/control rec. to Kentile plant mgr. in Brooklyn

1968 -- ACGIH suppl. Doc. On asbestos rec. 12 f/cc, discussed Selikoff conference, neighborhood mesothelioma

1969 -- 4-8 f/cc in 12/69 Liberty Mutual IH survey

1971 -- Chicago plant management held dust control meeting

1972 -- Kentile in AIA gets briefing after OSHA rule issued, req. respirators in weighing area, scale men rotated every 2 hrs.

1979 -- NIOSH HHE found one possible LCa in Chicago plant from asbestos, 300 workers, TWA 0.1 f/cc, 15-min ceiling 0.5 f/cc

1982 notice to workers on asbestos -- rinse work clothes before taking them home to be cleaned