

MEMORANDUM

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PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
DALLAS REGIONAL OFFICE

Director, Division of Field Studies
and Clinical Investigations, NIOSH

DATE: December 17, 1973

TO : Regional Program Director, NIOSH
Region VI, Dallas, Texas

SUBJECT: Requested information on several Tyler industries.

The following information is provided based on your conversation with Mr. Markel and a subsequent telephone discussion between myself and Dick Lemen.

1. Pittsburgh-Corning Unibestos facility.

Attached is a report from Dr. Corn on the cleanup activities at the facility. Although somewhat washed-out the photographs in the report give a good indication of the extent to which the facility was stripped. Their conclusion, and that of the Texas Health Department after their September 6, 1973 survey (also attached), was that the facility had been adequately cleaned with the shell that remained offering no significant occupational exposure to asbestos.

2. Western Foundry.

An OSHA industrial hygienist has cited the facility within the last year for excessive silica exposure. Employees are presently wearing respirators until engineering controls, now under construction, are completed. Texas made a survey approximately one and one-half years ago and also found silica exposure to be a problem (report attached).

3. Tyler Pipe Industries, Inc.

An OSHA industrial hygienist has cited the facility within the last year for excessive silica exposure. Employees are presently wearing respirators until engineering controls, now under construction, are completed. Texas has surveyed the facility the past four months for lead and zinc exposure. report and the "Employer's First Report of Injury" and their survey are both attached.

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4. Southern Foundries, Inc.

OSHA has performed a safety survey of this facility, but no industrial hygiene assessment has been made. The State has not been in the facility.

We are attempting to obtain additional information on the facilities in question. If there are additional areas you would like to discuss or have clarified, please contact me.

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