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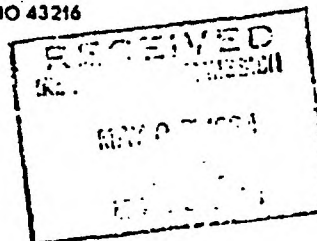
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RISK 220620 - KOPPERS COMPANY, INC.
JACK SEEL - CLAIM OD-181520



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3. The employer can substantiate that their asphalt system is completely self-contained. As the asphalt is placed in the containers at 340 degrees to 640 degrees fahrenheit, any contact, although not possible, would result in third degree burns, not contact dermatitis. The wand used to dispense the asphalt is approximately six to eight feet in length, with the nozzle designed to avoid splashes. Because the work environment is entirely a closed system, Koppers Company wishes to refute any allegations made by the claimant that he was covered by asphalt during the course of his daily work.

We have attached the pertinent research material substantiating this memorandum. Thank you for your review of this matter.

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