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Industrial Safety Precautions - Tape and Joint Compounds

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While attending the State Fire Marshal's fire test program - Project Corridor - I had the occasion to talk with Mr. Robert Gulick of the Drywall Industry Trust Fund. Included in this conversation was Mr. Marvin Smith of the Gypsum Association, and Mr. Howard Waitman of Kaiser Gypsum Research and Development.

Mr. Gulick advised that there have been recent discussions brought on by trade unions raising questions about the ill effects that could possibly be encountered using joint and tape compound systems. Mr. Gulick indicated that documentary evidence has been introduced by medical personnel that indicates over approximately a five year period of time, that workmen subjected to sanding joint systems recorded a high rate of lung cancer attributed possibly to the asbestos content of the fibers used in the various joint compounds.

Mr. Gulick was in the process of preparing a letter to alert manufacturers of joint compound to be prepared for any interrogation that might ensue.

Mr. Gulick further advised that he would send a letter in care of Mr. Smith of the Gypsum Assoc. who, in turn, will relay to all of the gypsum manufacturers. In addition, Mr. Gulick will also inform the other manufacturers of joint compound systems that are not necessarily members of the Gypsum Assoc.

This memo is being sent for information use only in the attempt to alert the persons concerned of the impending problem.

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