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For G.H. he would like us to check
with Bill Bluhm before we
contact DOSH and before we
April 25, 1972 implement any of their
proposals jff

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Mr. G. Holzman

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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As requested, following is a brief summary of key areas related to industrial hygiene which I believe would be appropriate for discussion at the Refinery Managers Meeting next week.

1. Precautions for Handling Asbestos

In view of emphasis by both NIOSH and DOL on the significance of asbestos as a major industrial health problem, potential for exposure of employees to inhalation of asbestos fibers will probably be on the agenda of any OSHA refinery inspection. The recent Wood River inspection conducted by the state illustrates the current level of interest by authorities in this subject. Pending publication of a permanent standard on asbestos on June 7, refineries should be guided by the provisions of the emergency temporary standard issued on December 7. In this connection, we especially invite attention to the importance of (1) use of respirators by employees exposed to visible dust when working with asbestos insulation, (2) proper segregation and removal of asbestos wastes (especially when associated with demolition or major maintenance), and (3) avoiding dry sweeping of any accumulations of asbestos dust. Additional guidance will be forthcoming when the permanent OSHA asbestos standard is issued.

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If you desire information on any other areas not covered herein, or would like additional details on any of the foregoing, will be glad to provide same.

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