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The Medical Department
Industrial Commission of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

In re: O D 5404-22
Harry J. Novak

Gentlemen:

On November 14, 1950 a visit was made to the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio, to check conditions under which the above named claimant had worked.

Claimant started with this company in 1920 as an outside laborer. In August 1925 he was transferred to the Crude Rubber Department, cleaning rubber. In 1927 he was moved to the mill room. There were some short periods of lay-off during this interval. Since 1927 he has been in the mill room. He was a general service man in the mill room removing boxes of rubber batch consisting of rubber, oxides, clay, sulphur, lampblack, etc., to small batch mills. He also moved partially milled rubber to the refiners where the rubber is further processed.

At the time of this visit, the writer estimated that there would be from 3 million to 10 million particles of dust per cubic foot of air in this area. None of the ingredients used in this department contained free silica. Most of the dust would be talc or soapstone.

In 1948 claimant's job was changed to sampler. He cut small sections of rubber from the sheets produced by the banbury mills. This work was done on the third floor of the building. These samples were sent to the laboratory through a vacuum tube. The writer estimated that the dust in this area would vary from 5 million to 15 million particles per cubic foot of air, most of which would be talc.

Very truly yours,

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