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BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL BULLETIN ON SPRAYED FIBER

*Letter Safety*

You have received a copy of a memo that was sent from the Division of Industrial Safety (Dept. of Industrial Relations, Cal.) through the Building Trades Council of Los Angeles. You also received a copy of the position taken by the Building Trades Council which was sent out to all union members in the Los Angeles area regarding the potential hazard of working at or near sprayed fiber.

I strongly recommend that the SMFMA Association immediately reply to this proclamation so that whatever neutralizing we can do will be done as soon as possible.

I would recommend that the letter be addressed to Mr. Ernest Webb, Department of Industrial Relations, 3460 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal. 90005. A copy on Company letterhead should go to Mr. George Sherman, Chief, Division of Industrial Safety, Dept. of Industrial Relations at the same address. A copy on Company letterhead should also be directed to Mr. J. A. Cinquemani, Executive Secretary, Los Angeles Building and Construction Trade Council, 1626 Beverley Blvd., Los Angeles, Cal.

We should attach copies of the correspondence that was brought to our attention by their Safety Engineering Dept. as well as a copy of the Building Trade Council letter and solicit an opportunity to explain our position. We should use the basis of explaining our position the Dept. of Safety and Hygiene Report which discusses a tolerance level on airborne particles as well as a statement that this tolerance level must also be accompanied by extended exposure. We may suggest to them the type of device that could be used by a qualified Safety Engineer to actually go out and measure the air contamination on a job-site if they felt it was hazardous.

I feel that it is very important that we acknowledge this information as soon as possible to prevent it from getting out of hand. I think Mr. ~~Bell~~ would be capable of drafting a suitable reply stating the industry's position as it relates to this potential hazard. I would be very much surprised if we do not find similar situations occurring in other communities and we may as well develop a position and a statement at this time which we could readily supply as other conditions develop.

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