

April 21, 1955

Re: O.D. 90219
Chester A. Plasarno, Jr.

Medical Department
Industrial Commission of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

Gentlemen:

On April 20, 1955, the writer visited the National Tube Co., Lorain, Ohio, where the Keppers Company is installing new coke oven equipment.

The claimant started with the Keppers Company at this job in December 1954. His home is Pennsylvania. The writer was told that he had worked for the Keppers Company at other locations prior to December 1954. He was working at the time of the visit.

There are a great number of silica brick used in installing coke ovens. These contain 95% or more free silica.

In the course of laying up these brick, the brick layers must handle them. At the present time most of the silica brick are purchased in shapes required for the job. However, at times there must be cutting. Most of the cutting today is done with thin blade carborundum saws. This produces considerable dust which must be removed at the time of cutting.

Very truly yours,

Lester M. Merritt,
Industrial Hygiene Engineer.

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