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I believe all shipyards have now been equipped with skill saws with dust bags for cutting Marinite or Marine Veneer panels. If not, please order them at once. These bags and saws were developed because one should not breath asbestos dust. The following precautionary steps must be followed immediately without any exceptions.

1. The cutting of Marinite, Unarco Board, Marine Veneer or other asbestos panels must be done only with skill saws equipped with dust bags in working order and an enclosed, air tight housing around the half of the skill saw blade that sticks above the panel while cutting. Wherever possible, a suction blower should be placed under the surface on which a person is cutting with the dust collected in a bag. Dust bags and skill saw modifications must be checked at least monthly for proper functioning.

2. All employees cutting Marinite, Unarco Board, Marine Veneer or other asbestos panels must wear respiratory protection masks that are approved by the U. S. Bureau of Mines, MSA-DUSTFOE #77 for protection against microscopic dust. Other employees in the area must not work too close to the cutting operation.

3. The cutting operation must be isolated to the greatest extent possible from other people working on the ship.

4. The object of these precautionary measures is to limit the dust at breathing height to an amount that you can hardly see. If for some reason these precautionary measures do not accomplish the objective, stop the operation until you solve the problem. If you cannot solve the problem, call me or Mr. Johnson.



B.C.H.

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