

Asbestos Manhattan

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Certain groups, both private and public, have been claiming over the past few years that Asbestos is a threat to the health of not only those occupationally exposed to the dust, but to the general public as well. These groups have generated an ever increasing stream of unfavorable publicity concerning the health hazards of asbestos. Much of this publicity has been designed to be sensational and very often misrepresents the facts concerning the use of asbestos and its danger to public health.

The Asbestos Industry has long recognized the fact that continuous exposure to a high concentration of asbestos dust over a long period of time can be injurious to health. To counteract this hazard, the industry has taken precautions to limit the amount of asbestos dust that workers in asbestos mills, mines, and other plants using the product are exposed to. The results of this have been that the incidence of asbestos related disease among people occupied in the asbestos industry as a whole area almost unheard of. There is, of course, the exceptions which environmentalists and consumer protection advocates, some doctors, and politicians have used to over emphasize the health hazards of asbestos and especially this hazard as it relates to the general public.

I am directing your attention to the attached paper entitled THE FACTS ABOUT ASBESTOS AND HEALTH presented by Mr. W. P. Raines, Secretary, of The Asbestos Information Association, North America. I am asking that everyone read this paper thoroughly, because it ably illustrates our position concerning the health hazard of asbestos and goes a long way to dispel some of the sensational and unfavorable publicity directed to our Asbestos during recent years.

We as a group have been exposed to asbestos to a degree for a considerable period of time, and it is our knowledge that no one in our organization is now suffering from or has ever had any ill effects from exposure to asbestos. It may very well be, that the question of asbestos and health may generate some concern among Medical Authorities and the Administrators of our hospital customers. Should the question come up, I believe the facts as outlined in this paper should be your knowledge and our answer to any of these questions. We do not by any means deny the fact that constant exposure to asbestos dust over a long period of time at a high concentration may comprise a health hazard.

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We are, also, enclosing a folder being distributed by the Asbestos Textile Institute which contains their recommendations for safely handling and fabricating asbestos textile products. These precautions might be taken into consideration when removing used Asbestos Covers and Padding from flatwork ironers, however, in most laundry operations the volume of cotton lint exceeds by far the volume of any asbestos dust that anyone would find in a laundry plant using Asbestos Covers and Pads.

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