

Georgia-Pacific

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

DATE: October 1, 1973

TO: Mr. E. B. Hollingsworth

LOCATION: Wilmington

FROM: J. D. Rauch

LOCATION: Akron

SUBJECT: O.S.H.A. ASBESTOS REINSPECTION

On September 4, 1973, we sent a required follow-up report on our progress in asbestos fiber control. At the same time we also submitted an air test report that indicated we had our problem under control.

On July 23, 1973, we had ten air samples taken in various areas of the operation. These samples were sent to a local testing laboratory for analysis. On 8/22/73 the completed analysis report was returned to us and indicated that we now met all O.S.H.A. requirements regarding asbestos fiber air contamination. This was included in our 9/4/73 O.S.H.A. follow up report.

Later telephone discussion with O.S.H.A. indicated that we were clear of all requirements if they, O.S.H.A., accept our test results. It is now apparent that they will not accept our test results. On 9/28/73 Mr. Harold Pauly, O.S.H.A. Inspector from their Syracuse Office arrived at our plant at 7:30 A.M. and conducted three 8 hour dust sample tests. Two of these were for asbestos while the third was run for a check on so called nuisance dust.

Asbestos tests were conducted on our employees J. Dean, bag slitter operator; L. Quackenbush, Bag Packer operator, while the nuisance dust test was conducted on A. Hendricks, truck drive.

We have been advised that the Gypsum Division is considering purchasing testing equipment and training someone to run the test and provide analysis of the results. I would have to question the advisability of this procedure based on our experience. We had the asbestos tests run by a retired U.S. Bureau of Mines Inspector who has completed the required course of study and is qualified to conduct asbestos dust sample tests. We had the samples analyzed by a commercial Laboratory, Buffalo Testing Laboratory, and their results are not acceptable to O.S.H.A.

I ask Mr. Pauly if these samples were taken and analysis run by Georgia-Pacific employees, even if properly trained, if they would be acceptable to O.S.H.A. Mr. Pauly advised that at this time they would not.

We advised Mr. Pauly that as of today, 10-1-73, we would no longer be using asbestos in our dry Joint Compounds. He requested that this information be related to O.S.H.A. through the normal manner. We have done this by way of our regular 30 day asbestos status report to O.S.H.A. in Syracuse and New York City.

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