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OWENS-ILLINOIS GLASS COMPANY

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General Offices - Toledo, Ohio

January 3, 1949

Attention of Dr. A.J. Girardo - Berlin

Subject ASBESTOSIS AND SILICOSIS

No.1 No.2

Asbestosis and silicosis continue to be Public Enemies of our industry. In the past decade, long strides have been made tending towards the elimination of these diseases of the pulmonary tract. Management has taken every precaution to protect the employee and we are establishing an enviable record.

We still have several cases of silicosis scattered here and there but the majority of them are hale and hearty and still at work although not in any dust hazard. They are undoubtedly under continuous survey by plant physicians and we have every reason to believe that each individual will reach his full score of years. The same may soon be true of asbestosis.

For years this company has spent thousands of dollars not only in its dust prevention program, but through research and study. Through plant visits, case histories, physical examinations and chest X-rays, a continuous prevention program especially for batch workers and bricklayers has brought results. We do, however, have those men who have in past years developed one of the pneumoconiosis and now with the passing years are passing out of the picture.

We as alert industrial physicians can do much in aiding the industrial research study by securing pathological specimens of such lung tissues (preferably the entire diseased area) available after surgery or through post mortem. The mere fact that the deceased worked in dust at one time or another should alert us to possible tissue of interest. A negative lung after twenty years exposure might also be of value. Such tissues should be sent to the Trudeau Laboratories, Saranac Lake, New York, with as complete a history as is available, together with an explanatory letter. A copy to this office will provide a follow-up as well as assist us in our studies. Especially would Trudeau be interested in the industrial phase as well as diagnosis.

Let us be ever alert so that we may do our share in industrial medical research.

Medical Director

C.F. Shook, M.D.
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January 4, 1949

C. F. Shook, M. D.
Medical Director
Owens-Illinois Glass Company
Toledo 1, Ohio

Dear Charlie:

Your letter of December 29 with its enclosures to the plant physicians pleases all of us. I am in full accord with your expressions and wish to congratulate you in having formulated a method for keeping the plant physicians informed.

We would be happy to receive for study the data and material apropos any cases that might come to post mortem examination. Already we have an enviable library of human material which allows us to analyze the various problems, to integrate them and to devise an investigative program for their solutions. Thus, there accrues a vast amount of informative data for use by industry in solving its problems concerning inhalation of dust.

Incidentally, I hope our interpretations of chest roentgenograms are being processed according to the suggestions which you made some time ago. If not, please advise me.

Sincerely yours

Arthur J. Vorwald, M.D.
Director

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OWENS-ILLINOIS GLASS COMPANY

GENERAL OFFICES · TOLEDO 1, OHIO

Sept. 15, 1950

Dr. A. J. Vorwald
Saranac Laboratories
Saranac Lake, N. Y.

Dear Art:

I spent yesterday morning with our good friend Sanders from Milwaukee, and while with him, he showed me some of those fine sections of lungs mounted for exhibition purposes. You had several of them when I was last in Saranac.

I believe that a series of these mounts would help materially in educating not only our medical people, but management as well, upon the silicosis subject. I think if your group could devise a set including a normal lung, advanced silicosis, tuberculosis, anthracosis, etc., we could sit down with our people and show them the changes that take place within the body.

This is probably an entirely new subject on your part, but yet on the other hand it may be one that somebody else has the answer for.

If the cost was not excessive, I would like to buy a set or two for our own use.

Think the matter over and see if you can help us.

Sincerely yours,

Medical Director

C.F.SHOOK, M.D.
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October 19, 1950
(Dictated October 17)

C. F. Shook, M.D.
Medical Director
Owens-Illinois Glass Company
Toledo 1, Ohio

Dear Charlie:

As you suggest, we will make every effort to prepare duplicate sections of our pathological material for your use. The job is rather a meticulous and time-consuming one. If only we could afford more help. The cost should not be too great.

The peaches from the Northwest were indeed manna from heaven. What size! What taste! Thank you both for the handsome gift.

We look forward to seeing you soon again. With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

AJV:LB

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October 24, 1950

Dr. A.J. Vorwald
Saranac Laboratories
P.O. Box 551
Saranac Lake, New York

Dear Art:

I have your letter of October 19 and apparently I did not make myself clear in describing Dr. Sander's lung specimens used for demonstration purposes. Apparently Dr. Sanders has the source for he showed us an excellent series and thus our enthusiasm.

Under no circumstances do we want you folks to go to any trouble, especially if someone else is already making these cuts available. The next time you see Dr. Sanders, you might ask him what I am talking about.

Glad the peaches arrived OK. We too enjoy them.

The best of everything to you and your fine group in Saranac.

Sincerely,

OWENS-ILLINOIS GLASS CO.

Medical Director

C.F. Shook, M.D.
ms

Health Program

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Mr. C. G. Staelin
Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation
Toledo, Ohio

Dear Carl:

I enjoyed being with you and Al and Dr. Gardner yesterday and having a chance to go through your plant again.

This letter is sent you so you will have the writer's thoughts on the points discussed.

We agree with the substance of the program suggested by Dr. Gardner. It seems to us that the work should be carried on. There are four phases of it and all of them are important:

Complete physical examinations with X-rays should be made on all present employes.

Animal inhalation experiments with glass-wool dust should be begun by Dr. Gardner, and X-ray pictures made of the animals' lungs in an effort to predict what type of lung changes might be expected in human roentgenograms.

At the first opportunity post-mortems should be made on everyone who has been exposed to glass-wool dust. (The same applies also to batch men.)

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Engineering work is needed at the plant, both to take dust samples and to improve ventilation equipment.

The following points were not gone over yesterday, since they are not the direct concern of Dr. Gardner. We feel, however, that they are of the utmost importance.

1. How the program is administered is of as much concern as the program itself. We think you will agree that responsibility should

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Mr. C. G. Staelin - 2 -

be centered in one individual. The closest contact is needed with all phases of the work. The personnel director must, of necessity, figure prominently, because the program is essentially one of health and this is the concern of the personnel department in the plant. It is essential that the activities be coordinated and that they have a well thought-out purpose.

2. First-aid room facilities must be improved at the plant. More space is needed; some additional equipment is needed. Examinations must not merely be made, but must be followed up systematically. Sickness and absentee records must be gathered with great thoroughness. The type of physical examination itself must be one that is detailed, and yet one that is practical. We have our doubts as to the practicality of the examination forms that Newark recently adopted.

3. As the work progresses, publication of findings should be made in reputable scientific journals. We feel that some of the loose talk which one hears today about the harmfulness of glass wool would have been prevented if management had published technical articles on the harmlessness of glass wool. Sufficient preliminary findings existed two or three years ago to release, but this was not done.

In most respects, our visit yesterday confirmed recommendations that had been made repeatedly to the management previously. The thing is now brought to a head, however, by Dr. Gardner's definite proposal.

We certainly hope your recommendations will be adopted, and we are looking forward to hearing the outcome within the next few days.

Thank you for the chance to be in Newark during Dr. Gardner's visit.

Sincerely yours,

OWENS-ILLINOIS GLASS COMPANY

W. G. Hazard.

Personnel Division

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cc - Mr. A. C. Hirth

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August 2, 1950

Dr. Arthur J. Vorwald, Director
The Saranac Laboratory
Saranac Lake, New York

Dear Art:

It was a treat to spend the day, July 14, with you and the other members of your staff.

We were, of course, most interested in the results of your animal experimentation with Kaylo. These experiments, as we understand it, are now at an end and we are looking forward to seeing the final report as soon as it can be worked up.

On August 17 I have a visit scheduled to the Berlin, New Jersey plant of our Kaylo Division, where they manufacture Kaylo and fabricate it into pipe insulation. On the following day, August 18, I'll be at the Sayreville, New Jersey plant of the Kaylo Division, which is much larger than the Berlin plant and has potentially larger dust exposures. Would it be convenient for Tom Dirkin or Ed Urban to be there also? If so, it might be possible for them to bring their vacuum cleaner air sampler so we can get some samples in the finishing department for free silica determination.

If these dates are not convenient, we could probably arrange a trip sometime later.

Thank you for sending us the dittoed sheet explaining how to ship lung specimens. Some day I hope we can send some to you.

You will remember we left with you a proposed blanket contract to cover the reading of X-rays that come to you from our various plants. The idea was to put in writing what the present practice is--and if the proposed contract does not currently describe our procedures, it should be changed to fit. At your convenience, could you return to us one copy of the letter?

The hospitality of you and your wife was something we are still talking about. I don't think the boys will ever forget their boat ride--

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and you and Mrs. Vorwald were certainly very kind to arrange the picnic.

All the Hazards send you our best regards.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Hazard

INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS DIVISION

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cc - Dr. C. F. Shook - Toledo