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MEDICAL EXAMINATION - ASBESTOS
(DSI-WI Detweiler to Karrh 12/19/75-attached)

The Medical Division recommends that all employees whose occupation requires exposure to concentrations of airborne asbestos receive medical examinations. I interpret this to mean those employees whose job requires that they work with asbestos, such as insulators or employees removing old insulation. For these employees, there should be a pre-placement and annual exam consisting of, at least, a 14 x 17 postero-anterior chest x-ray, a history to elicit symptoms of respiratory disease, and screening pulmonary function tests (Forced Vital Capacity and Forced Expiratory Volume in 1.0 second).

Since we have discussed this problem before, I believe you should respond to Detweiler. I have written to him indicating this.

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Attachments

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