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GROUP: ICC
DATE: 8 August 1980
CHARGE NO.: 9-113-30-009
REQUESTOR: H. A. Eschenbach
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REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL SERVICE

PROBLEM TITLE: Ceiling Material Evaluation -- Asbestos Content

SIGNIFICANCE: Ceiling material that contains asbestos must be removed to control any employee exposures, and to comply with OSHA regulations.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE: Determine whether or not the ceiling material supplied from the Organic Chemical Plant, Nashua, N.H., contains any asbestos.

SUGGESTED APPROACH: X-ray

DEADLINE (Last day information will be of value): 2 weeks

DETAILS OF PROBLEM: Sample supplied to lab in bottle identified as "OCD-NTA Plant."

ACCEPTED BY RESEARCH DEPT.: *John C. Y...*
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DATE: 8/8/80

NUMBER: 09009
GROUP: ICG
ACTUAL COST: \$70.00
REPORTING DATE: August 15, 1980

REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL SERVICE

SUMMARY:

The ceiling material from the Organic Chemical plant in Nashua, New Hampshire, was examined by x-ray diffraction method and light microscopic method, and found to have both chrysotile asbestos and mineral fibers.

EXPERIMENTAL

1. XRD Analysis

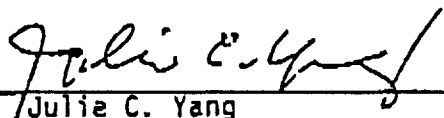
The crystalline fibers were identified by x-rays as chrysotile.

2. Petrographic Microscopic Examination

A portion of the sample was heated in an oven @ 450°C, overnight, to burn all the organic fibers if present. Then the remaining material was wet ground lightly with acetone in an agate mortar, and immersed in oils with R.I. 1.545, 1.520 for microscopic examination at 100X and 430X.

Two kinds of fibers were identified, one was chrysotile and the other mineral wool fibers.

Reference: XRD Misc. - 350.



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