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Dear Mr. Gruenbaum:

In your letter of inquiry sent January 19, 1973, you are concerned with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards for asbestos dust and for noise.

If your measurements of workers' exposure to asbestos shows levels no higher than 1 fiber per cc. average for 8-hours, the medical examinations may be omitted. However, workers exposed to average levels of asbestos above 1 fiber per cc. should be given medical examinations to make certain that no harmful lung changes are being caused by the asbestos dust.

An effective continuing hearing conservation program is described in our Bulletin No. 334, a copy of which is enclosed. I should point out that OSHA has stated a policy in which employers who fail to give audiometric tests to employees will not be given citations, but "a prudent employer will do audiometric testing on a voluntary basis."

Please let me know if any additional information is needed.

Very truly yours,

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