FILE NAME: Pennsylvania Asbestos (PAA)

DATE: 1964-1971

DOC#: PAA011

DOCUMENT DESCRIPTION: Pecora Documents from Phila with BC Comments

Pecora Chemical

7/20/70 refers to 1968 asbestos survey (no details of 1968 found

7/23/64 survey rec. respirators for some plant workers and annual chest X-rays. Encl. "Dust" booklet and Hyg. Info. Guide entitled "Asbestos" and Art. 432

Dust counts 1.4-4.1 MPPCF.

Report still rec. respirators for some workers: "It should also be emphasized that cases of lung disease have occurred among workers exposed to low dust concentrations"

8/9/71(?) field report shows gov. inspectors interested in asbestos but told none used "currently".

REGION | COUNTY | PLANT NAME - ALPHABETIC

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

PLANT INFORMATION RECORD
STOCK NO. 5266.3

PLANT Pecora Chemical Corporation

AREA CODE PHONE NO. 215 KE-9-6130

ADDRESS 300-400 West Sedgeley Avenue

Philadelphia, Penna. 19140

EMPLOYEES: M 95 F 5 T 100

PRODUCT OR SERVICE 2800 sealants & adhesives

PERSON INTERVIEWED Joseph Hertrick, Asst. Plant Manager

PHYSICIAN None

ADDRESS

NURSE None

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SAFETY SUPERVISOR None

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST None

INSURANCE CARRIER I.N.A.

LEGAL OWNER Lawrence Bowen, President

RECOMMENDATIONS None

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REMARKS P.C. and folder on file. Pre-placement physicals. Plant planning to move by next year to Kulpsville, Penna. (near Lansdale exit of turnpike) Mineral spirits, toluol (and small amount of xylol) used in mixing. USEM approved respirators for organic vapors, dusts used in dumping, mixing operations. Asbestos survey was made in 1968. No carbon tetrachloride or benzene is used in a compositions of formulas. No leaded compounds used any longer, according to Mr. Her-

TYPE OF VISIT Inspection DATE 7/22/70 BY R. HELLER LTC (3.5)

LIST HAZARDS AND CONTROL MEASURES ON REVERSE SIDE

PERSONNEL | RECOMM | SURVEY | CONTROLLED HAZARDS | HAZARDS

OPERATION		HAZARD		CONTROL MEASURE			
TRICK, storage tanks would be sent out for repairs if necessary. No entry done. Resurvey for asbestos indicated.							
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mixers	99*	10	Talc		9030	10	
		10	dibutyl phthalate		0864	10	
		10	calcium carbonate		C0505	10	
		10	zinc peroxide			10	
		10	aroclor 1232 (chlorinated polyphenyl)			10	
		10	asbestos		9020	10	10
		10	polysulfide rubber cement		5350	10	
		10	tripotassium phosphate			10	
		10	trayban CMP acetate			10	
		10	camel-wite pigment		9130	10	
		10	suprax clay dust		9020	10	
		10	hydrated lime			10	
		10	toluol		2460	10	
		10	mineral spirits		1780	10	
		10	linseed oil		5010	10	
		10	barium dioxide		0310	10	
		10	calcium peroxide			10	
		10	xylol		2590	10	
		10	sudopol polylritane N-100			10	
		10	titanium dioxide		2440	10	
Lab technicians	12		(as above)				

*Mixers and packagers alternate with lab personnel in 4 areas of the plant. Lab work constitutes formula work and quality control. Total plant population without office and sales staff is app. 34-40.

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File

REGION 1
PROD. MFG. OR SERVICE
asbestos
DATE OF ACTIVITY [redacted] 8-9-71

FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT
(Occupational Health)

PLANT
Pecora Chem Co, Inc.

ADDRESS
300-400 W. Selgley St Phila

ZIP CODE 19140

TELEPHONE 215 RE-9-6130

PERSON INTERVIEWED
Joseph Hertrick

TITLE [redacted] asst. plant mgr.

EMPLOYEES
MALE FEMALE TOTAL 105

IND. CODE 2800

COUNTY Phila.

PUNCH CARD YES [X] NO [ ]

FOLDER YES [X] NO [ ]

N.S.N. YES [ ] NO [X]

PURPOSE: INVEST.; SURVEY; INSP. (PRELIM.) F.U.; CONF.; VISIT; OTHER

REASON: SELF-INIT.; P.D. REP.; COMPL.; REQUEST; SOURCE

SAMPLES COLLECTED (NO. & KIND) TOTAL

DETERM. MADE (NO. & KIND) TOTAL

MEDICAL — O.D. REPORTED, NO. & KIND

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS

SPECIFIC HAZARD OR CONDITION	WORKERS EXPOSED	RECOMMENDATIONS WRITTEN --- VERBAL	ACCOMPLISHED YES	NO	IN PROG.
asbestos	4	see remarks			

A preliminary visit was made to determine exposure time and detailed use of asbestos at changing operation. Plant is in process of winding down all operations, as facilities are to be removed to 165 Wambold Rd., Harleysville, Pa. (Montgomery County) (Lansdale exit of turnpike, west on Rt. 63) by end of August. No asbestos in use currently. Counties notified, file and changes made.

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File

REGION I
PROD. MFG. OR SERVICE adhesives
DATE OF ACTIVITY 9/22/70

FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT
(Occupational Health)

PLANT
Pecora Chemical Co., Inc.

ADDRESS: 300-400 W. Sedgeley Street, Philadelphia, Pa. | ZIP CODE: 19140 | TELEPHONE: 215 RE9-6130

PERSON INTERVIEWED: Al Pacheski | TITLE: Foreman

EMPLOYEES: MALE | FEMALE | TOTAL 105 | IND. CODE 2800 | COUNTY Phila.

PUNCH CARD YES [X] NO [ ] | FOLDER YES [X] NO [ ] | N.S.N. YES [ ] NO [X]

PURPOSE: INVEST.; SURVEY; INSP.; PRELIM.; F.U.; CONF.; VISIT; OTHER

REASON: SELF-INIT.; P.D. REP; COMPL.; REQUEST; SOURCE

SAMPLES COLLECTED (NO. & KIND) TOTAL

DETERM. MADE (NO. & KIND) TOTAL

MEDICAL — O.D. REPORTED, NO. & KIND

RECOMMENDATIONS AND REMARKS

SPECIFIC HAZARD OR CONDITION	WORKERS EXPOSED	RECOMMENDATIONS WRITTEN---VERBAL	ACCOMPLISHED YES	NO	IN PROG.
Asbestos	4	see remarks			

Remarks
Asbestos survey was intended for asbestos containing dust at the mixer charging operation. At time of inspection, Mr. Hertrick, asst. plant mgr., did not know duration of asbestos exposure. Mr. Pacheski indicated that this duration was 5 or 10 minutes for once or twice a day. No asbestos was being used this day.

Note
Discussed this with R. Heller and reviewed various aspects of asbestos exposures. A return visit will be made to review the operations in detail to decide whether or not a survey should be made.

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE 4/1/68

TO: Whom it may concern

FROM: C. J. Sanchez

Lab was found but not given a thorough inspection. To list chemicals used in a research lab would be time ill spent.

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Plant File

Recon, Inc.
300-400 N. Lindley Ave
Phila. 19140

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REGION VII

PROD. MFG. OR SERVICE Adhesives

DATE 7/20/64

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EMPLOYEES
MALE
FEMALE

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

FIELD ACTIVITY REPORT

REGION VII

PROD. MFG. OR SERVICE Adhesives

DATE 7/20/64

EMPLOYEES
MALE
FEMALE
TOTAL

PLANT: PECORA, INCORPORATED

ADDRESS: 300 W. Sedgley Avenue, Philadelphia

PERSON INTERVIEWED: Mr. Raymond Dronsfield

TITLE: Plant Engineer Philadelphia

PURPOSE: INVEST.; SURVEY; INSPECT.; PRELIM.; F.U.; CONF.; VISIT; Asbestos

REASON: SELF-INIT.; O.D. REP.; COMPL.; REQUEST; SOURCE Inspection

SPECIFIC HAZARD OR CONDITION	WORKERS EXPOSED	RECOMMENDATIONS WRITTEN — VERBAL	ACCOMPLISHED YES	NO	IN PROG.
Asbestos dust	2	1. Cont. using approved respiratcrs			
		2. Cont. annual chest X-rays			
		3.			

SAMPLES COLLECTED (NO. & KIND) 9 dust — TOTAL 9

DETERM. MADE (NO. & KIND) 9 + 1 — TOTAL 10

MEDICAL — O.D. REPORTED, NO. & KIND

REMARKS See survey report of 24 June 1964.

BY BORDONI

PUNCH CARD [X] YES [ ] NO FOLDER [X] YES [ ] NO

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23 July 1964

Pecora, Incorporated
300 West Sedgley Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Attention: Mr. Raymond Dromsfield
Plant Engineer

Gentlemen:

A survey was conducted in your plant to evaluate employees' exposure to asbestos dust. Because of our findings, the following recommendations are made.

1. Continue the program of requiring employees to wear approved-type respirators whenever engaged in mixing operations.

2. Continue the program of providing annual chest X-ray examinations for all employees exposed to dust.

A copy of the survey report, our booklet entitled "Dust", our Hygienic Information Guide entitled "Asbestos" and Article 432, as amended, are enclosed.

Very truly yours,

Jan Lieben, M. D., Director
Division of Occupational Health

Enclosures (4)
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Department of Health
DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

Report of Survey

Pecora, Incorporated
300 West Sedgley Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Following a plant inspection, a survey was conducted on 24 June 1964 to evaluate employees' exposure to asbestos dust. Arrangements for the survey were made with Mr. Raymond Dronsfield, plant engineer.

DETAILED FINDINGS

This plant is engaged in the manufacture of adhesives. Asbestos is blended in batch mixers with various fillers and vehicles and packed in cans and drums.

The batch mixers are equipped with local exhaust ventilating systems. When charging the mixers, the operators are required to wear respirators approved by the U. S. Bureau of Mines for protection against pneumoconiosis-producing dusts. The operators spend approximately two hours a day at the mixing operation. The balance of the workday is spent performing duties not involving the use of asbestos.

Atmospheric samples were collected at the operator's breathing level and in the general work area with midget impingers using ethyl alcohol as the collecting medium. Dust counts were made microscopically using a standardized light-field technique, and the results given in the attached Table.

The threshold limit value for asbestos-containing dust is 5 million particles per cubic foot of air (m. p. p. c. f.), based on an eight-hour workday. Dust concentrations ranged from 1.4 to 4.1 m. p. p. c. f. with an average of 2.5 m. p. p. c. f.

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To keep dust exposures at a minimum, the practices of exhausting (Ventilating) the batch mixers and requiring employees to wear approved-type respirators when charging the mixers should be continued.

It should also be emphasized that cases of lung disease have occurred among workers exposed to low dust concentrations. The program of giving annual chest X-ray examinations to all employees engaged in dusty operations should also be continued.

A Table of dust concentrations follows.

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Table — Dust Concentrations

Location	Dust * (millions of particles per cubic foot of air)	Remarks
Mixing Room	1.4	General air before batch mixing
	4.1 3.5 2.2	Operator's breathing level during charging
	3.6 1.9 1.8	General air during mixing
	1.6	General air 5 minutes after mixing

* Threshold limit value for asbestos-containing dust - 5 million particles per cubic foot of air.

Survey by -

Maurice Bordoni
Industrial Hygienist

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