

REPORT
of
PRELIMINARY DUST SURVEY
for
ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE
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OBJECT OF INVESTIGATION

This project was a preliminary investigation of the asbestosis problem in textile plants of members of the Asbestos Textile Institute, with the immediate object of defining the specific nature and the magnitude of the problem in all its phases. From such a definition, the character of a long-term project could be outlined. An original objective of most immediate importance was to facilitate the exchange of information between member companies on successful methods of dust control and otherwise to promote a general improvement in that field.

SUMMARY

The facts upon which this report is based were obtained on visits, during the past three months, to all plants of Institute members (except one, who wished the visit postponed to a later date). Complete cooperation was extended at all plants. Dr. C. Richard Walmer, Medical Director of Industrial Hygiene Foundation, participated in visits to three plants and in development of the medical concepts of this report.

The problem is seen to be composed of three aspects which are discussed in three sections of the report and summarized herewith, as ENGINEERING, MEDICAL, and PHYSICAL TESTING.
