

October 25, 1963

U. S. Department of Labor
Room 222, 1114 Commerce St.
Dallas, Texas 75202

Ref. File No. GRM:bjs

Attn: Mr. William J. Rogers, Regional Director

Gentlemen:

With reference to your letter of September 24th listing twelve items as unsatisfactory conditions, existing at this plant, this is to advise that all of these conditions have now been completely corrected, except for the following:
Item 3 - Provide hot water for lavatories in office building.

To date, we have been unable to find any small instantaneous heaters to adapt to our present fixtures, as suggested by your investigators. Therefore to supply hot water to the two lavatories in question, a considerable expense would be involved in piping and a heater, which would be of use to us for only a very few months.

In view of the fact that plans are now being drawn for a new office building, with construction scheduled to start before the end of this year, and since we have used the existing facilities for the past nine years, with no question having arisen regarding hot water, we feel justified in asking that this requirement be set aside for the next few months.

Item 6 - Maintain storage of flammable liquids.

An adequate steel building has been purchased for the storage of any flammable liquids. A concrete slab has been completed, and delivery of the building within the next week has been promised by the contractor.

Please advise regarding Item 3.

Yours very truly,

PITTSBURGH CORNING CORPORATION

J. W. McMillan
Works Manager

JW:dm

cc: Mr. Carl Bauer
Mr. C. L. Kelley

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SAFETY AND HEALTH

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NAME OF CONTRACTOR		Pittsburg Corning Corporation		M. Padilla		153	
STREET OR BUILDING (PLACE OF PERFORMANCE)		Box 3057 - Tyler, Texas		75701			
CITY		Cventown		TEXAS		Smith	
OFFICIALS CONTACTED		James H. Bierer		Pres. Gateway, Pittsburg, Pa.			
Charles E. Van Horne		Wks. Mgr.					
NUMBER EMPLOYED		ALL SHIFTS		LARGEST SHIFT			
MALE		64		40			
FEMALE		3		3			
TOTAL		67		67			
SAFETY INDEX							
NAT. AGES		FOR YEAR		1-60 IFR		1-60 SEV. RATE	
AST JLL FAR		68 1 68 12		96.6		552.0	
MENT FAR DATE							
PROGRAM EVALUATION		TRAINING		ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION		COMPLIANCE EVALUATION	
FULL TIME		BY SAFETY STAFF		BY SAFETY STAFF		IN COMPLIANCE	
PART TIME		BY SUPERVISION		BY SUPERVISION		MINOR VIOLATOR COMPLIANCE AGREED	
SAFETY COMMITTEE		BY OTHER		BY OTHER		MAJOR VIOLATOR COMPLIANCE AGREED	
DOCTOR (A-B-C)		PER'S PROT. EQUIP. PROVIDED-USED (A-B-C)		PLANT INSPECTION		FOLLOW-UP NECESSARY (A-B-C)	
NURSE (A-B-C)		MANAGEMENT INTEREST (A-B-C)		SAFETY RULES, SOP'S, Etc.		INSPECTION SUMMARY	
TRAINED FIRST-AIDER (A-B-C)				PROGRAM RATING (A-B-C)			
TIME INVESTED - TO NEAREST .5 HOUR							
VARIATION		CONFERENCE		SURVEY		REPORT PREPARATION	
TRAVEL							
TOTAL							
(A) COVERAGE		(B) DESCRIPTION		(C) REM.			
Contract: GSA # TC-GS-075-13050-EXP.							
This company fabricates Amosite flatblock and pipe covering.							
Medical Program: Pre-employment physical only. Supervisors take care of first aid. Protective equipment furnished:							
Furnishes plastic (cotton lined) gloves, some hard hats, safety glasses, respirators. Equipment is periodically maintained.							
Unsatisfactory Conditions Noted							
Storage Area							
1. Hazardous stacking of material. 50-204.62							
Ex: Pallets are not stacked level or stable; it appears that two layer stacking would be safer							
Process Area							
2. No certified first aiders. 50-204.264							
Ex: Recommend several employees be trained so that each shift will have qualified personnel to take care of emergency							
3. Inconsistent use of respirators.							
Ex: Some employees were wearing approved type respirators, s							

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HAZARD CLASSIFICATIONS

1. BUILDINGS & APPURTENANCES

- a. FLOORS
- b. STAIRWAYS-STEPS-RAMPS
- c. PLATFORMS-OPEN FLOORS
- d. EXITS-WORK AREA ACCESS
- e. ELEVATORS-MANLIFTS
- f. ELECTRICAL
- g. OTHER

FIRE & EXPLOSION

- a. EXTINGUISHING & ALARM EQUIP.
- b. FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS
- c. EXPLOSIVES
- d. COMPRESSED GASES
- e. CHEMICALS (OTHER)
- f. PRESSURE VESSELS (FIRED & NONFIRED)
- g. ELECTRICAL & OTHER IGN. SOURCES
- h. PAINTS & FINISHING PROCESSES
- i. OTHER

2. MACHINERY

- a. POINT OF OPERATION
- b. POWER TRANSMISSION
- c. ELECTRICAL
- d. PNEUMATIC
- e. OTHER

3. TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

- a. HAND TOOLS-NONPOWERED
- b. PORTABLE POWER TOOLS
- c. CHAIN-CABLE-ROPE ETC.
- d. LADDERS-SCAFFOLDING
- e. ELECTRICAL
- f. OTHER

4. MATERIAL HANDLING

- a. INDUSTRIAL TRUCKS
- b. AISLES & PASSAGEWAYS
- c. RAILROAD EQUIPMENT
- d. CRANES-HOISTS ETC.
- e. MATERIAL STORAGE
- f. CONVEYORS
- g. TRANSPORTATION (OVER THE ROAD)
- h. OTHER

5. PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- a. EYE PROTECTION
- b. HEAD-FOOT-EAR PROTECTION
- c. CLOTHING
- d. EMERGENCY EQUIPMENT
- e. OTHER

6. HOUSEKEEPING & SANITATION

- a. WASTE STORAGE & DISPOSAL
- b. FLOORS-FLAT SURFACES
- c. WASHING FACILITIES
- d. TOILET FACILITIES
- e. FOOD & WATER
- f. OTHER

7. HEALTH

- a. VENTILATION
- b. ILLUMINATION
- c. NOISE
- d. IONIZING RADIATION
- e. HEAT OR COLD
- f. AIR CONTAMINANTS
- g. EYE & SKIN CONTAMINANTS (CHEM.)
- h. OTHER

8. FIRST AID

- a. TRAINED FIRST AIDER
- b. SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT
- c. RETIRING ROOM
- d. OTHER

9. NOT OTHERWISE CLASSIFIED

- a. ALL ENTRIES

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were wearing unapproved nuisance dust respirators in the same working area. Air samples were taken to determine whether or not approved type respirators were needed.

4. Air samples were obtained as follows, to determine the degree of personnel exposure to asbestos dust.

a. From packing operation: Rate 10' @ 240 lpm, where finished and cut amosite pieces in $\frac{1}{2}$ cylinder shapes were placed in cartons and sealed.

b. From sawing operation, where finished amosite cylinders are sawed in $\frac{1}{2}$ and edges are trimmed off. Rate: 10' @ 240 lpm.

c. From scrap feeder operation, where freshly ground amosite goes into the process for fabricating cylinders. Rate: 10' @ 240 lpm.

d. From building platform, where amosite already wet with solution of sodium silicate is rolled into its final cylindrical shape and passed through an oven to be dried. Rate: 10' @ 240 lpm.

e. From the feeder operation where raw amosite is introduced into the process for fabricating cylinders. Rate 10' @ 240 lpm.

f. From grinder, where cylinder scrap is ground to be reused in the process. Rate: 3' @ 240 lpm.

5. Local exhaust ventilation not according to standards. Ind. Vent. ACGIH 5-98, 204.1.

Ex: The local exhaust ventilation system was tested with the following findings:

- a. Grinder hood, 25-50 fpm at face.
- b. Feeder at material point of entry, 50 fpm.
- c. Scrap feeder at material point of entry, 50 fpm.
- d. Sawing ducts 500 fpm at face.

e. Capture velocity for asbestos fiber operation with enclosed hoods should be not less than 125 fpm, minimum transport velocity 3000 fpm. Since the ventilation system appears to have less than the minimum specified velocities, it is recommended that employer make a study of the present system with professional advisors and comes up to standard, or presents qualified proof that the present system is operating, within the minimum specified ventilating range.

cc: Mr. Gidal, Attn, Chief, Contracts Saf. Div.

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INSPECTION SUMMARY CONTINUED

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