

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

K-2006

November 6, 1986

Ms. Judy Spencer
Legal Section
Industrial Commission of Ohio
246 North High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: OD 26130-22
Company: Owens Corning
Employee: William Neiser

Attn: Judy Spencer

Dear Ms. Spencer:

Mr. Neiser is a 55 year old man with 34 years in and around insulating and insulation. He worked as an installer during that time.

Insulation installers are exposed to a wide variety of fibrous materials depending upon the application and whether it is in new construction installation, or maintenance of old.

While asbestos has been used in great quantity for many years as insulation, it is not the only material in use. Other materials include paper, wood, mica, fiberglass and even other mineral fibers.

Over his long work history, Mr. Neiser has no doubt been exposed to any and all the above, alone and in combination at varying airborne concentrations from minimal to very heavy. None of the above-named materials have been implicated in permanent lung disease, except asbestos. Any or all could aggravate an existing condition, however, such as asthma or hay-fever.

Mr Neiser was no doubt exposed to high concentrations of all fibers in his early work years. By his own admission, his present employer has provided him with complete personal protective clothing and respirators since the early 1970's.

It is interesting that Dr. Kelly states that Mr. Neiser has normal pulmonary function test results. He then makes the diagnosis of asbestosis. The x-ray results show that as a possibility, but it is by no means conclusive. Asbestosis usually causes obstructive lung disease which is definitely noticeable in the lung function tests. All these results are

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within normal limits for his age. One might question a lung condition which tests out as well as Mr. Neiser's.

On October 28, I spoke with Mr. Olin Wilson, Branch Manager, Performance Contracting Division, Owens Corning. He stated that the company had no environmental data to contribute to this claim.

In summary, Mr. Neiser has been exposed to materials which could cause lung disease or aggravate a pre-existing condition. In his early years, the likelihood of high exposures was probably good. The chances and occasions have decreased considerably in the past fifteen years. It is possible that exposures in those early years are causing at least, some slight problems now.

If I can be of further assistance in this claim, please let me know.

Sincerely,

James S. Ferguson, CIH
Industrial Hygienist

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