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External And Internal Aspects Of Dust And Fume Abatement

The nation-wide drive for cleaner air and water, and the elimination of unsightly, smelly or poisonous industrial wastes has become one of the nation's most pressing, and potentially costly, industrial problems.

Growing encroachment or interference in community and employee welfare in some sections of the country has already invited legislative restrictions and created legal liabilities. Costs to industry generally have been increased thereby.

Johns-Manville has not escaped these pressures.

The Vice President for Production in Executive Bulletin 33-26, dated, June 13, 1955, entitled "Dust and Fume Abatement Project Evaluation", has taken steps to safeguard employees' health by the establishment of task teams to evaluate dust and fume abatement projects at various locations.

However, the recent cases at Johns-Manville plant locations involving stream and air pollution demonstrate the broader aspects of the industrial wastes problem and the need for a solution that safeguards our external position along with a practical solution for our own operations.

It is most important that Division General Managers, Production, Plant and Mine Managers recognize the potential cost of unfavorable reactions from Federal, State or provincial, and community groups.

The Vice President for Production will, accordingly, revise Executive Bulletin 33-26, broadening its scope to cover all industrial wastes, and including the legal and public relations responsibilities in such evaluations.

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