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For the past few years, the Medical Department has recommended, on the basis of our examinations and X-ray findings, the need for environmental studies of the working areas of different employees, using the so-called "NO DUST" letter to alert management of our findings. The recommendations have been motivated by our efforts to point out two different groups of employees. In one group, the possibility of work exposures as causative factors producing X-ray and clinical changes, would have to be considered. In the second group, were placed essentially medical cases, non-occupational in origin, employees who might develop an aggravation of their underlying condition as a result of possible working environmental factors.

The Medical Department would like to receive, if possible, the results of these environmental studies, and in addition, the information as outlined below; the data would be of immeasurable help in our continuing studies of the changes observed through our physical and periodic chest X-ray examinations.

1. Complete work exposure history (for accuracy in diagnosis).

2. Has employee remained on the job? If yes, does the environmental study indicate improvement (ventilation, installation, etc.) and/or the absence of any dust hazard.

3. Employee has been removed or transferred to a new area where environmental studies have been shown to either be harmless or less hazardous than the previous work area.

The correlation of all the above information will be of invaluable aid in the health counseling of our employees, particularly those seeking information about their chest X-ray findings and who need reassurance as to the relative harmlessness of their working environment; furthermore, good public relations will be encouraged by having the employee appreciate the genuine interest that both management and the Medical Department have in the preservation of his or her good health.

I would appreciate your advice and comment with regard to the above request.

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