International Chemical Workers Union

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Dr. Kenneth W. Smith, Medical Director
Johns-Manville Corporation
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Dear Dr. Smith:

Recently I met with several representatives of Local 60 of the International Chemical Workers Union located at the Johns-Manville plant in Waukegan, Illinois. These men are concerned about the dust problem at the plant. They state that there have been a number of illnesses and only recently three men have been seriously ill with a chest disease. They complain about insufficient dust control, about the plant's medical service, and also that they are not informed about the results of chest X-ray done by the company.

They also state that there is a noise problem, due to the operation of vacuum pumps.

I would greatly appreciate any information you can give me on these matters and will endeavor to advise the union people.

Sincerely yours,

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