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H. G. Brewer, Pittsburg

During my recent visit, we reviewed the chest x-ray films of many long-service employees at your location. Of the 30 files reviewed, 21 showed positive evidence of pulmonary disease. Five films were doubtful and 4 showed no evidence of disease. I know that you understand the very serious financial exposure to the Company should these cases progress to the point of disability. In order to prevent these cases from progressing to the point of disability and, also, to insure that no new cases develop among other employees it is essential that all atmospheric dust contamination be removed. In order to detect new cases or progression of disease in established cases it is essential that we have good x-ray films of comparable technique. Dr. Wise is making every possible effort to provide us with good films, but his machine is old and not too powerful, and when he has a thick-chested individual the resulting film is not satisfactory. Therefore I would recommend that whenever satisfactory films cannot be obtained in Dr. Wise's office he should send the employee to the local hospital for a chest x-ray. As mentioned above, it is absolutely essential that we have x-ray films of good diagnostic quality each year on certain employees.

We noted several areas in the plant where there is objectionable dust and a potential occupational disease hazard. Among them were the scrap grinder in the Flexboard Department, the dry cement operation, the punch press and crusher in the Shingle Department, the veneer machine, especially during blow-off, and at the dry mix and willow of the shingle machine. Outside the plant, calcined Celite is being used without adequate dust control and this is another serious disease potential.

When we reviewed the x-ray files the following 4 cases were separated for special attention. Frank Pareno, John Baptiste, James Jordan, B. Christofferson. It would be appreciated if you could obtain up-to-date x-rays of good quality at Dr. Wise's office or at the hospital and then send the complete examination records and all x-rays to my office for review. I shall return immediately with comments.

If you have any comments or suggestions to make about these or other subjects mentioned during my visit, please advise me.

Sent to G.H.Q. 8/19/59

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DAVIS
CODE X IS PNEUMOCONIOSIS, ZERO IS NO DISEASE, INTERROGATION PT
IS QUESTIONABLE DISEASE, ADVISE CORRELATION OF X RAY WITH STATIONS
OVER BAC, IGNORE RECENT INDEX HISTORIES, LETTER FOLLOWS
M.D.
KENNETH W SMITH,





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Pittsburg Plant
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Name	Dept.	Job	Age	Date Hired		Remarks
Basillio Mendoza	Shgl.	Inspector Washer	57	3/15/26	O	All time worked in Rigid Shingle Department
Sevin Watson	"	Ball Mill Operator	50	4/4/47	X	All time worked in Rigid Shingle Department
John Belleci	"	Rhoplex Operator	43	9/4/35	X	All time worked in Rigid Shingle Department
James Green	"	Relief Man on Punch Press	35	7/9/46	X	All time worked in Rigid Shingle Department
James Thomas	"	Mixer Man on Grain Roll	43	6/3/42	X	All time worked in Rigid Shingle Department
Tony Castilio	"	Veneer Mixer on Grain Roll	40	5/29/46	X	All time worked in Rigid Shingle Department
Marcos Vila	"	Machine Tender on Grain Roll	42	10/2/35	X	All time worked in Rigid Shingle Department
Ignacio Vila	"	Relief Man on Grain Roll	40	8/17/36	X	All time worked in Rigid Shingle Department
Frank Pareno	"	Foreman	47	11/28/33	X	All time worked in Rigid Shingle Department
William B. Harris	"	Crusher Oper. #1 Building	48	4/29/47	X	Worked in Cement & Rigid Shingle Departments
John Baptist	"	Machine Tender Washer	58	11/19/36	X	All time worked in Rigid Shingle Department
James Jordan	"	Take-Off on Grain Roll	36	6/23/47	X	All time worked in Rigid Shingle Department
Walter Peebles	"	Feeder Punch Press	48	1/22/47	?	All time worked in Rigid Shingle Department
C. E. Powell	Dry Cement	Operator	50	11/21/45	X	All time worked in Paint Shop & Cement Dept.
Elliott Lawson	Dry Cement	Lift Truck Operator	56	6/19/29	X	Worked in all departments
Alex Farkas	Rfg.	Mica Man	52	8/19/48	X	All time worked in Asphalt Roofing Department
Thomas Flavetta	"	Winderman & Shgl. Mach. Oper.	36	5/7/46	X	All time worked in Asphalt Roofing Department
Ellis O. Jennings	"	Mica Man	33	6/10/52	O	All time worked in Asphalt Roofing Department
Jose Soria	"	Slate Blend Man	56	11/2/45	X	All time worked in Asphalt Roofing Department
Willie Richardson	"	Coating Operator	64	9/16/28	X	All time worked in Asphalt Roofing Department
Clyde Alexander	"Paper	Beater Man	65	12/4/27	X	Ebay, Shingle & Paper Mill (Retired 6/30/59)
Horace Paige	Paper	Beater Man	55	4/23/42	?	All time worked in Paper Mill
John Fortado	Ship.& Rec.	Receiving Checker	56	10/15/29	X	Worked in Paper Mill & Receiving Department
John Wilson	"	Unloader	61	7/3/45	?	Worked in Paper Mill & Receiving Department
Duffie Page	"	Unloader	56	2/20/45	?	All time worked in Receiving Department
Roy Green	Yard	Leaderman Trucker	52	7/14/47	?	Worked in Shipping & Receiving and Yard
Martin Holt	"	Power Sweeper	56	6/9/47	O	Worked in Shingle, Pipe Covering and Yard

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Name	Dept.	Job	Age	Date Hired		Remarks
B. Christofferson	E & R	Rigid Shgls.Leaderman Machinist	~~54~~	3/27/36	X	Worked in Asphalt Roofing & E. & R. Dept.
Diego Rubiales	"	Asph. Rfg. Leaderman Machinist	43	7/12/46	?	Worked in Rigid Shingle & E. & R. Dept.
Allen Van Horn	"	Paper Mill Machinist	~~54~~	1/4/33	O	Worked in Asphalt Roofing & E. & R. Dept.
Guy Smith	"	Rigid Shingle Machinist	37	2/27/46	X	Worked in Rigid Shingle & E. & R. Dept.
Peter Ramey	"	Leaderman Machinist	~~60~~	6/9/33	?	Worked in Asphalt Roofing, Paper Mill and E. & R. Dept.
Elias Mendrop					P 1 ½	
Mike Bauer					P 2-3	
J. Jackson					P ½	
Teddelton					— Empd -	
N Guerton					P 1 to 2	
L.B. McGowan					P 1 to 2	
E. Price					P 1	
F. Fisher					P 1 ½	
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