Shell's Comparison - Manville

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Johns-Manville

Internal Correspondence

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Subject: "NEW" O.D. CASES

1960-69: 19.7 average/year
1970-74: 6.8 average/year

1970:	16		
71:	6		
72:	0		
73:	2	Wm. Oller	3962
		Joe Wechkus	salary
74:	10	John Matyk	12891
		Roscoe Smith	18535
		Sam Cheek	12342
		Benj. Rhoades	16881
		Stanley Cimma	6066
		Frances Kruzel	16244
		John Welsh	16497
		Joseph Mamera	8452
		Jerry Verrelli	4173
		Wm. Kleeman	14818

Lou Hemerda can provide you with Work Histories--probably has them prepared already.

As I discussed with you, most of these cases had questionable changes for a period of time before we were able to place a definite label on them. If and when a proper radiographic epidemiologic study is made, their first x-ray change will appear in earlier years, as we are always smarter retrospectively than prospectively in medicine.

Each employee, however, is apprised of his status at each Periodic Physical Exam. When we are uncertain, we tell the employee so.

I therefore find it impossible to comprehend the tale transmitted apparently from Vanderbeek to Sells to Henry to you to me, that we are "hiding over 200 O.D. cases at Manville", and I feel it is most urgent that we learn where Vanderbeek heard this story, and correct it.

If, as you surmised, this originated from the recent conversation I had with Reitze, Chase, and Sheckler, and if you still do not wish to ask Vanderbeek himself, then I suggest you contact each of these men--particularly Chase, and clarify the matter.

I would still prefer to investigate this myself, as I particularly detest this type of intramural sub rosa stuff and think I know how to handle it.

HSB