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EMPLOYEE HEALTH BRIEFINGS
YOUR LETTER 3/28/75 TO B. C. MACHIN

Ed Stevens made a special Industrial Hygiene survey at Toronto on May 28-30, 1975.

At that time he investigated the several items covered in your letter of 3/28/75.

His comments are as follows:

Housekeeping - This is judged to be quite good in the Toronto plant. I feel it could be better with emphasis on cleaning up more than once per shift. Some of this is being done now but more could be done by some operators.

Possible imbalance of Dust Collection System - There is a problem here; the K&C machine does not have adequate suction. It is at the end of the line. A study has been made by Goldfield's group.

Availability of Respirator-Protection and Protective Clothing - Respirators are available and more operators are wearing them now than a few years ago. The resin coated paper clothing, in my opinion, is not too satisfactory - it cannot breathe. It is being worn by a few operators - sleeves cut off at the shoulders.

Request for Additional Industrial Hygiene Sampling - Permanent stations have not been set-up for many of the areas mentioned, but samples have been taken in the past at many, but not all.

Scrap Breaking - Dusty Operation - This is a physically demanding job as well as dusty. People working here appear to work only about 3 hours/shift - also do other less physical jobs.

Medical Program - Operators with 18 or more years of service have x-Rays every 6 months; others every year. They are being told more regarding their health than in the past.

It should be noted that as of June 2 there will be no smoking in areas where asbestos is present at Toronto plant. Department of Labour has issued these instructions and the plant had posted noticed to this effect.

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