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Re: Cardio-Pulmonary Laboratory

While we have been fortunate in having the need for doing pulmonary function studies on only 14 industrial pulmonary disease cases that have materialized into medico-legal cases, in 1952 there was one (1) case requiring complete function studies, in 1953 - none, 1954 - four (4), 1955 - two (2), 1956 - four (4), and in the first four months of 1957 - three (3) cases.

As you know, we have currently on our so-called "No Dust List", the sum total of 367 cases. Of these, 164 had Xray changes which might be considered compatible with a work exposure; the remainder namely 203, consisting of employees who have arrested or inactive TB, residuals of previous infections and other lung pathology, which we consider essentially medical in origin.

However, should members of this second group be exposed to any occupational dust condition and develop an aggravation or precipitation of their underlying condition, the end results would probably be construed as disability due to their employment. We thus have the potential of having to perform complete pulmonary function studies on 367 cases, the sum total of both groups, should any or all cases decide to bring claims against the Manville plant.

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