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Diatomaceous Earth Studies

Dear Art:

As you doubtless know, two or more State laws make it advisable for us to label packages of diatomaceous earth as a material that can cause some harm if breathed to excess. Labels have already been prepared and the practice is being started. As a part of that plan, customers are being sent, along with their invoices, an explanation of the reason for the practice and some comments about it.

Great Lakes Carbon is initiating a similar practice.

From time to time there have been inquiries from various customers as to the effects of diatomaceous earth on people and they are, of course, asking these questions in connection with their own use of the material.

Doubtless you have heard from Dr. Anderson or Dr. Smart about the article recently appearing in SEARCH magazine in California which gave a story about the effects of diatomaceous earth that is not true to facts, but, nevertheless, could be alarming to those who don't know what the facts are.

The facts developed in the inhalation studies you started in 1948 on diatomaceous earth would be most helpful.

When we were there, you felt sure the report would be finished by the end of 1951. Inasmuch as the need is so urgent, I wonder if you would let me know when you will be able to have the results of the studies in our hands for review.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

J. P. Woodard

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