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WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (continued)

At current 1968 compensation law rates and provisions, costs for total disability cases occurring now could reach $60,000 in New Jersey: in California, $75,000. Increased compensation rates can certainly be anticipated in the future.

In addition to Workmen's Compensation claim cases, Johns-Manville plant physicians have identified by X-ray various stages of pulmonary involvement. Some represent the very earliest of X-ray abnormalities, others are more advanced. These numbers represent potential claims over a number of future years.

Location	No. of Cases
Long Beach	3
Manville	168
Marshville	22
Marrero	3
Pittsburg	13
Waukegan	64
Zelienople	4
Billerica	18
Total	295

To obtain a current expert evaluation of pulmonary involvement at all locations Dr. L. J. Bristol, Saranac Institute, has been engaged to interpret serial X-rays of all our plant personnel. The study of the Manville data will be completed in approximately four months and will enable us to estimate more accurately future Workmen's Compensation potential, as will the studies at each plant.

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WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION (continued)

Dr. Bristol is a member of a committee of the International Cancer Commission (UICC) that has recently established new standard criteria for the interpretation of X-rays.

LOMPOC

In 1952, an intensified, extensive environmental dust control program was undertaken at Lompoc. The effectiveness of this continuing effort is indicated by the fact that no new cases of occupational disease (diatomaceous earth pneumoconiosis) have developed at that location since that date.

This observation has been substantiated not only by Johns-Manville medical data, but by U. S. Public Health studies as well.

HEARING LOSS

Hearing loss is another area of occupational disease that will have impact on future costs. At Manville in the last year, there were fifteen claims filed, three adjudicated at an average cost of $1,300 for partial loss (maximum for total loss of hearing is $8,000 at present), and one in California for $1,700. There is a growing trend to hold industry responsible for hearing loss, regardless of exposure. Collaboration with New Jersey industry associations has been initiated to get reasonable legislation enacted, similar to that of West Virginia and New York, which adjust for loss due to aging and require proof of industrial exposure.

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