Manville Industrial Insulations Plant
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Mandatory Wearing of Respirators In Areas Where The Dust Content Is Known To Be Above the Maximum Limits

The J-M Internal Auditor has documented several cases where E Building employees have not worn respirators in areas of high dust content.

He has recommended that the wearing of respirators should be made mandatory where the dust content is known to be high, and job description should be amended to reflect the mandatory use of these respirators.

I understand the Manville Plant policy is not to make the wearing of respirators mandatory and not to include the respirator usage requirements in the job description of operators who are exposed to a dust hazard. The most recent review of this policy that I know about was June 30, 1960, where W. F. Fischer, after consultation with Hugh Jackson, recommended that no change be made in this practice.

I would like for you to again review our policy on the mandatory wearing of respirators and advise me of the decision.

I believe that you have all of the pros and cons on this situation and that Lou Esmerin can give you the details of our atmospheric hygiene program.

I am attaching a copy of our file on this subject.

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