Johns-Manville

Internal Correspondence

To P. Kotin, M.D.

Date August 12, 1977

From R. P. Carter

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Subject

Moke Harris called today to advise me that he believes it is in our best interests not to speed up the OSHA asbestos hearings. He feels it may be beneficial to to delay the hearings for several years, assuming that is possible, to enable us to gather additional data, i.e. Stockton and Denison.

I met this morning with Dick VonWald and Denny Markusson to discuss the second draft of J-M's petition to OSHA for an emergency temporary standard prohibiting the smoking of cigarettes by any individual employed in any occupation in which there is exposure to ashestos fiber. Although at the time of the meeting I had not yet heard from Moke Harris, I gave them my opinion that it would likely be in our best interests not to speed up the asbestos rulemaking process and that the filing of this petition would likely put pressure on OSHA to schedule hearings earlier than they would otherwise. Both Dick and Denny requested that I sound out OSHA as to their likely action upon receipt of the petition. Therefore, I have arranged to have lunch with Grover Wrenn on August 17 to discuss the petition.

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