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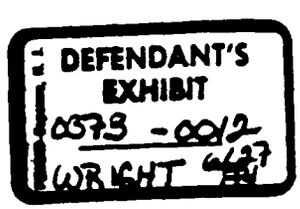
Subject: WAUKEGAN VISIT

On August 27, Dr. Wright and I were taken on a tour of certain sections of the Waukegan operations; that is, Pipe, Sheeters, Paper Mill, and Mill Board. The wet end of the pipe operations was among the worst I have ever seen in a JM operation. The air-handling system at the #2 and #3 Willows was not functioning properly. A section of the industrial hygiene records indicated that at least one of these systems had been down at least a year. The duct work was coming apart at the joints. Asbestos fibers accumulated on our clothes while we stood in the area looking at the Willows.

The bag-opening stations are among the oldest in JM and are a far cry from the latest advances in the state of the art. The man leans into the Willow and empties the asbestos block (in the case of chrysotile) and shakes the burlap bag (in the case of crocidolite).

Regardless of what the industrial hygiene fiber counts are and the fact that the man is wearing a respirator, this does not alter the fact that the potential for a very high exposure does exist. Our technology at JM can and has done better at other locations. The method of handling the empty paper bags as well as burlap sacks is not the method we have been recommending to other people as the highest state of the art. This too presents a potentially high exposure for the operator. The method that is used to split the pallet stack produces a large number of asbestos sacks that are ripped, and asbestos fibers are thereby scattered all over the Willows area.

Evidence of broom sweeping in this area was also present. The two large vacuum cleaners (Hoffco's) parked in the area were covered with dust, which gave an indication that they had not been used in quite some time.



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The beaters in the Paper Mill as well as Mill Board should receive some attention regarding the dust handling devices.

Housekeeping in those sections of the Waukegan plant visited by us was extremely poor.

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