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Subject Design of Industrial Exhaust Systems

Subtitled "How to Design, Build or Buy an Exhaust System that Will Adequately and Economically Perform the Functions Required by Law or Prescribed by Specialists in Industrial Hygiene," Design of Industrial Exhaust Systems was written by John L. Alden and published by The Industrial Press in 1939. The book is part of the Boston Collection at C. U. Medical Library.

Although the contents of the book are unrelated to the asbestos litigation, the author makes several interesting observations in the Preface. He states that "industry is well informed of the need for exhaust sanitation. It is not well informed as to how best to satisfy that need. ...Although exhaust ventilation has been practiced for more than 70 years and has been recognized by statute for more than 40 years, the literature is astonishingly scanty... First, the field has been relatively small and inconspicuous and has not attracted the attention of colleges and other independent investigators. The second, and perhaps predominant, factor has been that many of those within the industry have treated their accumulated data as precious trade secrets to be divulged neither to competitors nor to customers."

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