86

Corporate Trumbull

TO: Mr. W. S. Simpson March 1, 1978

SUBJECT: Johns-Manville Bans Smoking in Plants

Further to our meeting of 2 or 3 weeks ago, I am attaching hereto an abstract from Occupational Safety & Health Reporter which indicates that the J/M program has not been trouble-free.,

I have spoken to Bill Reitze in Denver and he has promised to send me full details as to how the policy was formulated and implemented, including the "selling points" used to persuade the unions.

I recently learned from Dr. Alison McDonald of McGill University in Montreal that their researches indicate an excess incidence of lung cancer deaths among non-smoking asbestos miners and millers, although it is not as great as among smokers. This rather deflates the J/M position.

I believe that cigarette smoke does contain a co-carcinogen which enhances the carcinogenicity of asbestos, but the solution to the problem lies in the elimination of asbestos exposure rather than attempts at imposing smoking bans - there is nothing to stop employees smoking after work!

I would recommend that a vigorous anti-smoking poster campaign be inaugurated at the same time as a vigorous training program to teach safe-handling methods and good work practices. This should be followed by the removal of cigarette vending machines from company premises after appropriate consultation and discussion with employee representatives. If the local Lung Association organizes smoking cessation clinics, they should be asked to collaborate in our efforts. The next logical step would be to prohibit smoking on company premises.

The entire program would have to be planned at the same time as a converted effort was made to improve general health consciousness and a campaign to improve housekeeping.

I hope the above few remarks are of value to you in formulating a corporate policy on this important matter and will let you know as soon as I receive the reports from J/M.

Hilton C. Lewinsohn

/as

CC: Mr. J. H. Marsh

EXHIBIT
P-867

M-867
JHM 21734

CRMC-Motley1000-Subj-004574

Published by AsbestosClaims.Law
asbestosclaims.law/library/12978/1