Med. Dust Control

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Dear Mr. Sands:

Mr. S. R. Zimmerman, Jr., our Assistant General Manager, asked me to reply to your letter of January 15, 1957.

We have had the problem of controlling asbestos dust for many, many years, and believe that now we have it quite well under control. All our Preparing and Carding department machines are well hooded and ventilated. We have exhausts on our spinning and plying equipment. Presently we are installing a complete set-up of Wheelabrator collectors for all our textile equipment.

The State of Pennsylvania considers Asbestosis an occupational disease and we have had numerous cases but have noticed a remarkable reduction since the installation of efficient and modern dust removal equipment.

Our pre-employment physical examinations are compulsory and include a chest x-ray. Periodically we re-ray all employees in the Textile Mill.

We have our own dust counting equipment and trained personnel to take the count. We also have the State Department every couple of years take dust counts.

I have been a member of the Air Hygiene Committee of the Asbestos Textile Institute for many years. All Committee members are very active and freely exchange data pertaining to health and safety problems.

I strongly recommend that the U. S. Rubber Company become a member of the Institute and that one of your hygienists serve on the Air Hygiene Committee. I'm sure the information and help he would get would be of inestimable value.

Yours very truly,

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