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By G. L. Dickson

Date 1/21/75

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Mfrs. of	Vinyl Compounds		

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By G. L. Dickson with H. B. Rhodes

Date 2/12/75

Full Name Stedfast Rubber Company, Inc. **Address** 34 Topaz Lan Mattapan, MA 02126 **Mfrs. of**	**Interviewed** Frank Miller: Ass't. T. D.

OBJECTIVE

Discuss toxicology.

BACKGROUND

Stedfast has been purchasing RG-144 for use in vinyl plastisols. Used about 6M lb. in 1973, somewhat less in 1974 because of a company edict to stop using asbestos during latter half of the year. Their vinyl plastisol business was growing until the slump in the economy. Now using Cabosil which works satisfactorily but they do not like the increase in cost.

OBSERVATIONS

Effective review of OSHA regulations and true situation concerning the use of asbestos by H. B. Rhodes. Because of the economics Frank said he woult try to reinstate RG-144 usage by talking to their T. D. and plant manager. Frank is in favor of using RG-144 but feels the big problem will be from their people because of the recent news medium coverage on asbestos.

ACTION

GLD - Send RG-244 blue book. Follow-up by phone.

NOTE: Frank has not evaluated sample of RG-244 sent to him as Russ Edwards (T.D.) had done work with RG-244 years ago and found RG-144 more efficient in their plastisols.

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Electrical tape
Dust monitoring - set date with Frank Vinyl Plastisols

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By G. I. Dickson

Date 4/7/75

Full Name	Stedfast Rubber	Interviewed
Address	Mattadan, MA	Frank Miller - Asst. T.D.
Mfrs. of	Electrical & insulating tapes, vinyl plastisols, etc.	

Stedfast banned the use of asbestos in their vinyl plastisol products and switched to Cabosil. Do not like the latter because of cost. Want us to monitor their dust and if results show they can use asbestos with their present set-up, will go back to using RG-144.

ACTION BLI When can we take a dust count? I will arrange with Frank and try to attend if you wish.

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Mr. Frank Miller
Stedfast Rubber Company
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May 30, 1975

Dear Mr. Miller:

Enclosed are the results of our tests for airborne asbestos at your plant on April 25, 1975. I apologize for the delay, however, I have been out of the office the past three weeks.

These dust count results are indicative of relatively low airborne asbestos present during the plant tests. These data should give you some indication of dust generation under the conditions presently in effect for the mixing operation. However, I would emphasize that these data are limited to one test and the conditions prevailing at the time.

It was a pleasure meeting with you and if we can be of any further assistance, please feel free to call on me.

Very truly yours,

for B. L. Ingalls
Supervisor
Special Projects

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Encl.

7/9/75. Discussed with Bob Davis. Stedfast again using RG-144. OK.

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