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Date 1-14-74

Full Name WEYERHAEUSER CO. Address 3400 13th. Ave. S. W. Seattle, Wash 98134 also Mfrs. of Longview, Wash 98632	Interviewed Dr. R. E. Kreibich, Mgr. M. Frank Gillern, Polymer Research Joseph D. Wendlick, Corp. Ind. Hyg.

OBJECTIVE

Attempt to overcome this company's reluctance to continue evaluation of RG 244.

DISCUSSION

Dr. Kreibich had done promising R&D evaluations with RG-244 in a phenolic adhesive that had great market potential in laminating plywood veneers, and laying up trusses for the construction industry. Weyerhaeuser plants in Longview, Wa., Cottage Grove, Ore., and Albert Lea, Minn., were known to be potential users.

The OSHA regulations alarmed the various plant managers which inturn caused Dr. Kreibich to discontinue his work and the entire project ground to a halt. After visiting with Dr.Kreibich & Frank Gillern who both gave glowing reports on the use of RG-244 in the above applications plus other unnamed product areas, we left them with the promise we would track down the problem in the Longview plant and try to resolve it.

Joe Wendlick was most cordial and confused as to why no one had bothered to ask his opinion on this matter. He went on to say that there was not an asbestos ban at Weyerhaeuser, and that he advised whoever in the organization ask, that asbestos can be used and used safely but you must be sure to follow the OSHA regulations. The Longview plant currently uses a combination Chrysotile & Amosite in an asbestos-reinforced calcium silicate block fire door. At first the plant had a serious asbestos problem as many production areas exceeded the ceiling limit, but with controls and the necessary equipment installed these were bought into line. A copy of his paper Asbestos Control-An Industrial Experience is enclosed.

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The results of the meeting were that Wendlick called Kreibich, the same day, advised him of the present status, and Kreibich ordered a 10# bag to continue evaluations. Kreibich actually seemed grateful we took the time to correct this problem as he earlier in the day informed us that 244 was the only product that would give the desired results in his applications.