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Subject A Proposal to classify chest radiographs of UCC Headquarters personnel according to the International Labor Office's "International Classification of Radiographs of Pneumoconioses (Revised 1980)"

I think you will find that many people at Headquarters have had some occupational exposure to asbestos. They may have started their careers in a plant and worked their way up the ladder. Many are engineers so their occupational exposure was probably limited. Some present "executives" may have worked in plants during summers or may have begun as the "mail boy" or a mechanic and worked up. I guess my point is that the staff at Headquarters may not be as unexposed as we might like for a "control" population. Whether their exposure history is a great deal different from say a group of teachers is uncertain but I would suspect the teachers would be a less "tainted" group. The people at Danbury Headquarters still have a far less severe exposure than most of the plant people and the difference may be sufficient for your purposes.

Defining exposure history by a questionnaire is fraught with many problems. Certain job classifications are certainly associated with a high risk of past exposure. I believe many people really don't know whether or how much they were exposed in their previous jobs.

We will need much discussion with the powers that be on whether this is an appropriate expenditure of our time and effort.

It looks very interesting.....let's discuss.

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