Environmental Control Department
Research & Engineering Center
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RE: Sunbeam Equipment Corporation
Meadville, Pennsylvania
Your Letter November 9, 1967

I have reviewed subject file including my letter to the Pennsylvania Department of Health, dated 12/16/66; my letter to Sunbeam, dated 1/6/67, H. M. Jackson's letter to me regarding a phone conversation with Sunbeam, dated 5/26/67, my letter to you, dated 6/6/67 and your letter of 11/9/67.

During Mr. Donald Snyder's phone conversation with Hugh Jackson, he indicated that the dust exposures reached 90 MPPCF to 107 MPPCF when building up Superex insulation on heat treating furnaces they are manufacturing.

The attachment to your 11/9/67 letter from S. L. Evans indicates that Pennsylvania Department of Health studies resulted in levels of 7 MPPCF to 21 MPPCF. The maximum allowable concentration (MAC) for Superex should not exceed 5 MPPCF for average 8 hour per day, 40 hour per week constent exposures.

The Pennsylvania Department of Health is getting tougher and putting teeth into their requirements. Dr. J. Lieben, associated with the Pennsylvania Health Department is engaged in asbestos research work and is co-author of a paper entitled " Mesothelioma and Asbestos Exposure".

I suggest that positive action be taken to assist Sunbeam with their problem. If we are their major supplier of insulation products, you, the salesman and I should visit them, discuss the problem and recommend possible solutions. If they are purchasing equal amounts of insulation materials from other manufacturers, then I suggest the matter be referred to the NIMA Health Committee with a request to contact Sunbeam and assist them.

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