

RESULTS OF AIR SAMPLES

JOHNS-MANVILLE  
Dennison, Texas

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Johns-Manville  
Dennison, Texas

Attn: Mr. Gilbert C. Eggleston  
Plant Manager

Dear Sir:

The analysis of the air samples collected in your plant during our survey in January, 1966 has been completed, and the results are attached. The impinger samples were counted during the survey using the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists' method. The membrane filters were rendered transparent with a 50-50 mixture of diethyl oxalate, dimethyl phthalate and counted at 430X magnification with phase contrast illumination.

All of the dust concentrations as measured by impinger were under the 5 million particles per cubic foot Threshold Limit Value currently in use. The membrane filter method is experimental and no standard has been set for its interpretation. Some relationships between the impinger and filter measurement, and some results of surveys of other asbestos product areas, are discussed in the enclosed reprints.

Your cooperation in this study is sincerely appreciated and the data gained from your plant is of considerable value.

Sincerely yours,

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cc: Mr. Sheckler, JH  
Region VII, Mr. Jones  
State of Texas  
Dr. Cralley  
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**Results of Air Samples of January 1966**

**Johns-Manville, Dennison, Texas**

Operation	Impinger		Membrane Filter		
	Sample #	mpcf	Sample #	Fibers/cc Total 10 µ+	
<b>Warehouse and Mixing Forklift</b>					
<b>Personal</b>			144	17.7	7.5
<b>Million Operator Mixer</b>					
<b>Personal</b>			229	8.0	2.8
<b>EZ</b>	107	0.5	108	1.4	0.5
<b>Gen.</b>	1	0.1	3	2.2	0.2
	J2	0.5	H5	3.5	0.5
<b>Ball Mill</b>					
<b>Personal</b>			270	3.1	0.9
			257	0.0	0.0
<b>Gen.</b>	37	1.1	39	91.7	9.7
	J38	1.5	H40	8.8	1.6
<b>Hopper Car Unloader</b>					
<b>Personal</b>			145	15.3	5.8
<b>Pipe Forming Console Operator</b>					
<b>Personal</b>			235	1.7	0.4
			232	0.8	0.1
<b>EZ</b>	110	0.6	111	4.1	0.8
<b>Pipe Machine Tender</b>					
<b>Personal</b>			230	1.0	0.3

**NOTES:**

- "Personal" refers to personal samples on membrane filters
- "EZ" refers to breathing zone samples by companion impingers and membrane filter
- "Gen." refers to samples of general air in the particular department
- "J" refers to respirable impinger sample
- "H" refers to respirable membrane filter sample

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Operation	<u>Impinger</u>		<u>Membrane Filter</u>		
	Sample #	mpcf	Sample #	<u>Filters/cc</u> Total 10 μ <sup>2</sup>	
Pipe Forming (cont.)					
Grander Operator					
Personal			209	2.3	0.5
Curing					
Handrail Puller--Gen.					
21	1.1		23	0.9	0.0
J22	0.5		24	2.4	0.5
5	0.0		27	0.9	0.2
J6	0.3		28	4.0	0.5
Curer and Pipe					
Stacker					
Personal			207	1.5	0.3
			208	6.9	0.3
			236	1.2	0.3
H2					
113	0.7		114	2.5	0.2
Forklift					
Personal			221	13.7	3.0
			222	1.9	0.1
Pipe Finishing					
Lathe Operator					
Personal			136	2.2	0.2
			137	3.1	0.8
			151	2.0	0.2
			159	1.8	0.3
			162	1.6	0.4
			164	0.6	0.1
			165	0.6	0.2
H2					
242	0.5		241	3.8	1.2
			244	2.1	1.2
			175	1.2	0.3
Gen.					
.			35	1.7	1.4
			36	2.3	0.8

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Operation	<u>Impinger</u>		<u>Membrane Filter</u>		
	Sample #	mppcf	Sample #	<u>Fibers/cc</u> Total 10 $\mu^2$	
<b>Pipe Finishing (cont.)</b>					
Hydro-Flax Tester					
Personal					
			138	1.1	0.2
			146	2.6	0.7
Gen.	20	1.2	31	6.8	1.8
	J30	0.3	H32	6.9	1.6
	J33	0.6			
	J34	0.5			
<b>Roller and Unit</b>					
Loader					
Personal					
			156	2.4	0.3
			142	1.1	0.4
			271	4.0	0.4
			272	1.3	0.6
<b>Coupling Finishing</b>					
Coupling Cutter					
Personal					
			133	3.1	0.8
			148	5.0	1.1
			163	4.7	1.2
E2	278	6.1	277	16.0	6.0
<b>Lathe Operator</b>					
Personal					
			152	1.8	0.5
			153	1.5	0.3
			154	1.2	0.3
			155	1.7	0.7
			217	3.4	1.1
			218	2.5	0.7
			220	3.8	0.9
			224	2.0	0.6
			225	2.3	1.1
E2	115	8.0	116	12.9	4.3
	117	1.4	118	3.0	0.1
<b>Mill Operator</b>					
Personal					
			219	3.4	0.8

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Operation	Impinger		Membrane Filter		
	Sample #	mpcf	Sample #	Fibers/cc Total 10 μ+	
<b>Coupling Finishing (cont.)</b>					
Drill Operator--EZ	173	0.8	174	2.7	0.5
	245	0.2	239	0.2	0.0
Tester-- Personal			149	5.7	2.5
			258	2.0	0.7
EZ	280	0.1	279	2.7	0.6
Inspector Personal			214	1.2	0.3
			261	1.6	0.4
Forklift Sweeper Personal			223	1.4	0.3
			227	2.1	0.4
			143	1.2	0.4
Lathe Operator Gen.	23	0.2	27	8.5	0.8
	J26	0.2	E28	3.7	0.8
	17	1.9	19	1.3	0.2
	J18	0.5	E20	2.4	0.6
	9	0.9	11	1.9	0.0
	J10	0.7	E12	2.7	0.3
<b>Epoxy Special fitting and welding</b>					
Personal			134	4.5	1.5
			135	2.7	0.6
			213	10.1	3.0
			253	1.4	0.6
EZ	238	0.2	237	2.4	0.7
Gen.	13	0.4	15	3.1	0.4
	J15	0.6	E16	3.1	1.1

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Operation	Incinerator		Membrane Filter	
	Sample #	ppcf	Sample #	Fibers/cc Total 10 μ+
Epoxy (cont.)				
Pipe lining -				
probe operator				
Personal			253	0.6
			255	0.2
			268	0.3
			269	1.3
			273	1.3
			274	2.2
			276	1.3
Packing				
Unit Leader				
Personal			140	1.2
			141	0.7
			147	2.3
			150	1.8
			157	2.1
			158	2.2
			160	2.9
			161	1.3
Miscellaneous				
PVC Shop				
Personal			245	0.7
			246	0.1
			247	0.2
			248	0.4
			264	0.2
			265	4.4
			266	1.9
			267	0.1

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Operation	Impinger		Membrane Filter	
	Sample #	µpcf	Sample #	Fibers/cc Total 10 µ+
<b>Miscellaneous (cont.)</b>				
<b>Machine Shop</b>				
Personal			210	2.1 0.6
			249	0.3 0.1
			250	0.5 0.0
			251	0.4 0.3
			252	0.5 0.2
			275	1.9 0.6
<b>Electrician</b>				
Personal			234	1.6 0.5
<b>Inspectors</b>				
Personal			259	1.0 0.4
			260	1.7 0.5
			262	1.5 0.4
			263	0.7 0.2
<b>Forklift</b>				
Personal			211	5.1 1.4
			212	2.6 0.6
<b>Gen. Workers</b>				
Personal			213	2.5 0.2
			226	1.9 0.5
			228	1.5 0.5
			231	0.5 0.2
			256	1.6 1.0

