



WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
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INSPECTION REPORT
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Date of Issue	Number	Number of Orders	Employer	Location	Classification Unit Number	Activity Time Recorded*	Travel Time Recorded*
1999-07-06	1999124210139	2	104402	076	767003	10.50	2.00

* The Time Recorded reflects only that time which has been charged to this inspection up until the document was printed for delivery. Subsequent time may be added for additional activity related to this inspection.

Number of Workers	Shift	Project Type	Project Number	Closure Imposed	Closure Removed	Lab Samples Taken	Direct Readings	Results Presented	Sampling Inspection
7	1					N	N	N	

Head Office	Job Site
B C HYDRO & POWER AUTHORITY ATTN: PAYROLL DEPT DEDUCTION ACCOUNTING 14TH FLOOR 333 DUNSMUIR STREET VANCOUVER BC V6B 5R3	BC HYDRO BURBARD THERMAL GEN. PLANT RR 1 PORT HOODY BC

Portion Inspected	GENERATOR #2 PARTIAL	Principal Contractor	
Type of Industry	ELECTRICAL GENERATING PLANT		
Violations	REFER TO ORDERS ON FOLLOWING PAGE(S)		

Employer Representative Name	Accompanied By Employer Representative
MIKE STRACHEN	MEL STEENSON
Employer Representative Position	Accompanied By Worker Representative
PLAN MANAGER	COVENA HILFORD
Phone Number	Organization
469-6125	IWB 258
Signature	Officer of the Board / Signature
	CHUNG, DERRICK


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Inspection Text

THIS INSPECTION REPORT WAS INITIATED AS A RESULT OF AN UNCONTROLLED RELEASE OF ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIAL SUBSEQUENT TO THE START UP OF GENERATOR #2. THE GENERATOR WAS DORMANT FOR APPROXIMATELY 2 YEARS. FOLLOWING A MODIFICATION, THE UNIT WAS BROUGHT BACK INTO SERVICE. THE INSPECTION OF THE UNIT PRIOR TO START UP DID NOT INCLUDE AN ASSESSMENT OF THE POTENTIAL FOR ASBESTOS FIBRE RELEASE. AN UNPLANNED SPOT CHECK BY AN ASBESTOS CONSULTANT IDENTIFIED AN AIR LEAK AT THE SUPERHEATER OF THE UNIT. THE TEST RESULTS IDENTIFIED SEVERAL SAMPLES ABOVE THE ACTION LEVEL AND ONE SAMPLE ABOVE THE EXPOSURE LIMIT OF 0.1 F/CC. THE DURATION AND EXTENT OF THE LEAK COULD NOT BE QUANTIFIED PRIOR TO THE SAMPLING WHICH WAS CONDUCTED APPROXIMATELY 5 DAYS AFTER THE START UP OF THE UNIT. THE AREA WHERE THE LEAK WAS DETECTED WAS ACCESSIBLE TO WORKERS.

AT THIS TIME I WILL NOT RECOMMEND SANCTION AGAINST THE FIRM BASED ON THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

- ACTUAL RISK POSED TO WORKERS COULD NOT BE ACCURATELY QUANTIFIED,
- AN ACTIVE ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN IS IN EFFECT AT THE WORK SITE,
- THE EMPLOYER ACTED PROACTIVELY FOLLOWING THE DETECTION OF THE LEAK BY RESTRICTING ACCESS TO THE AREA, COMMUNICATING THE INCIDENT TO POTENTIALLY AFFECTED WORKERS, INITIATING REMEDIAL ACTION TO SEAL THE LEAK AND INFORMING THE BOARD,
- IN ADDITION THE EMPLOYER HAS INDICATED A STRONG COMMITMENT TO IMMEDIATELY RECTIFY THE PROCEDURAL DEFICIENCIES WITHIN THE EXISTING ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.

RELATED DOCUMENT - IR1998124210074

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MIKE STRACHEN	CHUNG, DERRICK





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AN ADEQUATE ASSESSMENT TO DETERMINE THE LIKELIHOOD OF ASBESTOS FIBRE RELEASE WAS NOT CONDUCTED PRIOR TO THE START UP OF GENERATOR #2.

THIS IS IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATION SECTION 6.6(2).

THE EMPLOYER MUST ENSURE THAT A RISK ASSESSMENT HAS BEEN CONDUCTED BEFORE ANY DEMOLITION, ALTERATION, OR REPAIR OF MACHINERY, EQUIPMENT, OR STRUCTURES WHERE ASBESTOS MAY BE DISTURBED.

Employer's Compliance Action	Date	Decision	Initials
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Order Number	2	Decision	L	WCB Reference	OHS 6 8 (2)	Action Due Date
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THE PROCEDURES CONTAINED IN THE ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PROGRAM DO NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESS PLANNED INSPECTIONS OF EQUIPMENT PRIOR TO START UP FOLLOWING EXTENDED PERIODS OF DORMANCY OR MODIFICATION.

THIS IS IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATION SECTION 6.8(2).

THE EMPLOYER MUST ENSURE THAT THE PROCEDURES FOR CONTROL, HANDLING OR USE OF ASBESTOS ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH PROCEDURES ACCEPTABLE TO THE BOARD.

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