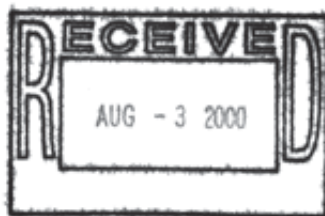


August 1, 2000

Dr. W. C. Jameson
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Re: Talc Nomination

Dear Dr. Jameson:

Please accept for inclusion in the NTP review of talc this executive summary (in English) of a mortality study carried out among French talc workers. This is the summary of a technical report written by Dr. Pascal Wild and presented to the Scientific Committee of INRS in June 2000 (Institut National de Recherche et de Sécurité).

This report will not be published in its present form, but together with an Austrian mortality study in the coming months.

Nonetheless, this French study can be cited until its issue under the following reference:

P. WILD

Une étude épidémiologique de mortalité dans l'industrie productrice du talc
INRS technical report (in French) pp. 1-73. June 2000

Please let me know if you have questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

A black rectangular box redacting the signature of Richard J. Zazenski.

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