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**PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS FOR PHOSPHATE COMPANY PERSONNEL
ENGAGED IN URANIUM RECOVERY**

Several weeks ago one of U. S. Phosphoric Products' employees was sprayed with an HF-OPPA - kerosene mixture as a result of a mishap in the operation of a filter press. The employee concerned was able to return to work after treatment but he is continuing to be checked until the HF burn is healed. In view of the security factors involved, I reported the accident to Dr. Marvin's office and, in his absence, obtained Mr. Upchurch's agreement that the doctor giving the treatment be told by U.S.P.P. that the injury had involved exposure to organic phosphates. The doctor giving treatment accordingly utilized a cholesterol test.

I have now received a letter from U. S. Phosphoric Products recommending that the cholesterol level of their eleven uranium project people be checked by a pathological laboratory at A.E.C. expense at a cost of \$7.00 per person. Will you please let me know soon what position the Raw Materials Division wishes to take in answering this letter?

In view of the fact that the Bonnie Plant of IMCC will soon go into operation, it seems to me that we should prepare a standard procedure regarding the health and safety practices to be followed by these companies as they get started in uranium processing. I do not know what procedures are used by the plants on the Colorado Plateau but there are numerous plants which are required by the Commission to use (1) pre-employment physical examinations, (2) yearly physical examination and chest x-ray, (3) periodic urinalyses of workers, (4) periodic blood tests of workers, and (5) termination examinations. These data are kept in a systematic manner which is adapted for statistical studies by biometricians.

I am not in a position to fully evaluate the medical and legal merits of these programs for the projected activities here but I believe that it is highly desirable that we develop an official policy soon concerning these matters which is capable of straightforward administration at each site.

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