

REPORT OF INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY

1. DATE OF INVESTIGATIVE ACTIVITY

6 May 04

2. PLACE

[REDACTED]

3. ACTIVITY NUMBER

27880041311538

4. REMARKS

Witness Interview of:

Date/Place: 6 May 04/ [REDACTED]

Interviewers: [REDACTED]

On 6 May 04, [REDACTED] was interviewed, and he provided the following. [REDACTED] worked as an Aztec Environmental, Inc (AZTEC) asbestos worker for approximately [REDACTED] years. He quit AZTEC in Jan 04 because of health and safety concerns. [REDACTED] worked in Jul and Aug 03 on the Hurlburt Field (HFLD) Bldg 90333 asbestos project. When [REDACTED] arrived at the project on 21 Jul 03, AZTEC workers discussed and believed the ceiling contained friable asbestos, including [REDACTED] AZTEC supervisor. From [REDACTED] experience of working around asbestos, he thought it looked like asbestos. Ultimately, [REDACTED] told AZTEC workers it was not asbestos. AZTEC workers did not contain the building or build a decontamination structure. In addition, workers did not wear their personal protective equipment or respirators. AZTEC workers immediately began removing the inner contents of the building, which included the suspended ceiling tile. As the suspended ceiling was removed, friable asbestos fell everywhere and created a large cloud of dust/debris. The asbestos covered everything in the building, which included the carpet. Asbestos also covered worker's clothes and equipment, and it filled their noses and mouths. [REDACTED] threw away his clothes for fear of exposing his family to asbestos. A few days after starting the project, [REDACTED] AZTEC Vice President, arrived at Bldg 90333 to inform the AZTEC crew that Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) was coming to inspect. [REDACTED] told AZTEC workers to clean up the asbestos before inspectors arrived. By the time FDEP arrived, approximately half the ceiling's asbestos was removed. Carpet rolls covered in asbestos were commingled with the ceiling tile and bags of friable asbestos. All the asbestos material was thrown into an open AZTEC dumpster sitting outside Bldg 90333. When [REDACTED] found out he was exposed to such a large amount of asbestos, he requested to work another job. [REDACTED] continued to work on Bldg 90333 for another four days constructing a containment and decontamination structure until he was transferred. [REDACTED] never observed any air monitoring performed while he was on the project.

[REDACTED] stated illegal activity occurred on nearly every AZTEC asbestos project. [REDACTED] AZTEC supervisor, was the worst offender and was called "the devil." [REDACTED] pushed crews to work quickly and take shortcuts. Asbestos was often removed dry, but [REDACTED] sprayed water on the bags as an appearance of wetting the asbestos. For example, [REDACTED] recalled a project in 2002 on Tyndall AFB where no asbestos prep or air monitoring was performed. Pipes covered with friable asbestos were dry removed from the building. [REDACTED] emphasized that air monitoring was also bogus. AZTEC collected its own air samples, including clearance samples, from locations outside containment. This ensured the project always passed the final clearance inspection. When AZTEC was closely supervised and required to use an air monitoring consultant, supervisors such as [REDACTED] requested air monitoring consultants who helped them pass their inspection. [REDACTED] would say lets use Southern Earth Sciences, because we can get away with not taking real air samples.

[REDACTED] said [REDACTED] regularly illegally dumped friable asbestos into Big Wheel Recycling (Big Wheel) landfill. Sometime in 2002, [REDACTED] was at Big Wheel Recycling (Big Wheel) landfill, Section 388, whereupon he observed [REDACTED] dump a load of friable asbestos in the landfill. The landfill operator (NFI) covered the asbestos with a layer of sand and then another layer of garbage.

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4. REMARKS (Continued)

and . AZTEC President, routinely manipulated AZTEC employees to keep them quiet about illegal activity. and bought their employees vehicles and houses so they would not leave the company. After quit AZTEC, asked him to come back to the company, and they would give him a house. and exploited and overworked illegal aliens and then threatened to call immigration if they complained.

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