

Personnel and Methods

Michael Lemov, Deputy General Counsel of the Office of Compliance, was the primary author of the report and had overall responsibility for its preparation. Cheryl Polydor, Attorney, shared principal report writing and preparation responsibilities with him. In addition, Mr. Lemov and Ms. Polydor worked on a number of the major investigations discussed in the report, including investigations relating to emergency preparedness and the safety of irradiated mail. Kate Tapley, Attorney, also assisted in the writing and preparation of the report. Patricia Reardon-King, Administrative Assistant and Paralegal, assisted in the report's production.

The inspections of shops and non-office work areas were conducted by Thomas Seymour and Stephen Mallinger.

Mr. Seymour, who was retained as a consultant to the General Counsel, is a registered fire protection engineer. He has served as Deputy Director and Acting Director of OSHA's Safety Standard Directorate and has more than 37 years of experience in the fire safety and safety and health fields. Currently, he is an associate professor at the University of Maryland where he teaches fire safety-related courses.

Mr. Mallinger is on detail from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, where he has over 22 years of experience. While with OSHA, Mr. Mallinger served as the head of the Office of Health Compliance and Deputy Director of the Directorate of Technical Support. In these positions, he had responsibility for developing national policies and procedures for field offices in areas such as chemical testing and sampling, detection of the Legionella bacteria, and assessing asbestos exposure. Mr. Mallinger is an Industrial Hygienist, certified by the American Board of Industrial Hygiene, and a member of the American Industrial Hygiene Association and the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists.

In addition to Mr. Mallinger's services, OSHA, through an interagency agreement, has provided the equipment and laboratory services needed to sample for harmful substances. Samples have been analyzed at OSHA's laboratory in Salt Lake City. In addition, OSHA personnel have provided advice on a variety of technical issues.

The inspections of office work areas were conducted by Terry Lane. Mr. Lane, who is

retained as a consultant to the General Counsel, is a former Area Director for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration for the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia. Mr. Lane has over 25 years' experience in the safety and health field and is a professional member of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

The inspections were conducted in a manner similar to "walkaround" inspection conducted by OSHA. As with OSHA inspections, management representatives designated by the employing offices accompanied the inspectors as they walked through the facility. Representatives of affected employees were also invited to participate and did so for most of the inspections.

Once the inspectors arrived at a particular office or place of employment, they walked through work areas, inspecting for hazards. The inspectors discussed any violations of OSHA standards they observed with the representative of the employing office and offered technical advice on how to eliminate the hazard. Photographs were taken of some of the conditions observed. As with OSHA inspections, the General Counsel's goal in these inspections was to help employing offices and employees reduce on-the-job hazards.

Throughout this inspection process, this Office received excellent cooperation from almost all employing offices. Architect of the Capitol personnel were particularly helpful in helping us to complete the inspections in a timely manner, and in promptly abating many of the hazards identified during the inspections.

We also wish to express our gratitude and appreciation to our colleagues at OSHA for their prompt and helpful advice and technical support on a variety of issues. The photographs reproduced at pp. 3, 11 and 17 were provided as a courtesy by Roll Call Photos, for which we are grateful.

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