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Since I have some extra time on my hands I have been looking up material on wood dust research, and found a lot. After reading up on a 120 page multiple research paper which spans over 30 years starting in the early forties including data from Japan, Sweden, UK and the USA.

Using Google to find the meaning of all the medical terms having to do with Lungs, pulmonary activity and bronchial airways it is clear that the danger of Wood Dust has been known for years.

One of the most recent papers dealt with research OSHA put together to establish regulations for workers exposed to wood dust in woodworking professions.

Since reading this material is like watching paint dry, trying to draw some pearls of wisdom out of all this data is a difficult task.

I guess I could reprint some of the scary charts showing exposure data but I really think the most effective visual reminder I am using is the picture that Dave Bertaud sent me.

This is the material collected in his dust collector filter, his accompanying remark

“ This could be in your lungs “



With COVIT 19 on all our minds it seems appropriate I should remind that good lungs are the best weapon to counteract the virus.

USE DUST MASKS AND DUST COLLECTION WHENEVER YOU CAN. “BE SAFE.”

Frank Pagura Safety Officer,