

FIRST AID AND PREVENTION OF SKIN
IRRITATION FROM POLES AND WOOD PRODUCTS
TREATED WITH CREOSOTE AND PENTACHLOROPHENOL

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1. GENERAL

1.01 With the use of Creosote, P Wood Preservative and Pentachlorophenol (Penta) treated poles and wood products, preventive and safety measures must be taken to avoid skin irritation.

1.02 This section is reissued to shorten and clarify the text. As this is a general revision, marginal arrows normally used to indicate changes have been omitted.

2. CAUSE OF IRRITATION

2.01 Both tar acids and Penta used in treating poles, etc., contain skin irritant products which are increased by hot weather or when newly treated.

3. PREVENTIVE MEASURES

3.01 Before climbing or handling such treated poles, etc.:

- (a) Wear long sleeve shirts with sleeves rolled down.

(b) Wear gloves and keep the neck well covered.

(c) Keep pants or overall legs rolled down.

(d) Apply Kerodex 71 Barrier Cream to exposed skin surfaces after washing thoroughly.

(e) Do not rub eyes or remove perspiration from them with shirt sleeves or hands that have been exposed.

(f) If direct contact with the skin occurs wash with plenty of hot water and soap.

(g) Before lunch and immediately after work wash hands, arms, face and neck with plenty of soap and hot water. When washing, keep hands away from eyes.

(h) Articles of clothing that have been exposed should be soaked in hot soapy water as soon as possible.

4. FIRST AID

4.01 Should eye burn or skin irritation occur:

(a) Flush the eyes with water for 10 to 15 minutes, seek assistance from a fellow worker.

(b) Cover the eye with an eye pad and obtain medical aid immediately.

(c) If skin has become irritated apply "Creosote Burn Wash" from the First Aid Kit. This wash should not be applied in or near the eyes.

(d) If the irritation continues for 24 hours or if a large skin area is affected seek medical aid.