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Warning Labels
Industrial Insulations Products
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Warning labels have been used on Superex and Thermobestos products for a number of years. I don't know the exact date when this practice started but it was prior to the formation of the Environmental Control Department. Warning labels are used for two reasons:

(1) A corporation has a moral responsibility to warn its customers of any potential hazard associated with the use of its products.

(2) Corporations have a legal responsibility for the use of warning labels, since many State and Federal codes require the labeling of potentially hazardous products.

The necessary precautions to be taken when handling products with a potentially hazardous dust is briefly covered in the warning label itself. The best way to eliminate the hazard is mechanical dust control equipment that will keep the dust concentrations in the workplace below the applicable Threshold Limit Value, which in the case of asbestos fiber is 2 million particles per cubic ft or 12 fibers per cc. If mechanical dust control equipment cannot be provided and dust concentrations are at the hazardous level, then exposed workers should wear a respirator approved by the U.S. Bureau of Mines for protection against pneumoconiosis producing dusts (Approval Schedule 21).

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

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