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Brush Beryllium Company
1521 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio

Gentlemen:

Your inquiry concerning the toxicity of Cerafelt, made to Mr. P. E. Steiger has been forwarded to me for reply. I am pleased to furnish you with this information.

Our experience with mineral fibers of the type contained in Cerafelt is that, while there is no toxic reaction involved, a chemical irritation can result in discomfort to some individuals. Our experience indicates that fair skinned persons are more likely to be so irritated.

For most people the irritation is transitory and disappears after working a period of time with the material. Warrior cream applied on the hands, wrists, neck and other areas likely to be irritated will provide adequate protection for most. In rare instances we have found it necessary to remove the individual from contact with the material.

Should you have further questions, do not hesitate to request additional information.

Very truly yours,

H. M. Jackson, Manager
Industrial Health Program

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