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T. H. Eaton

Marinite Dust

I have discussed your memorandum of June 18, 1958 with Hugh Jackson.

V. B. Padham is to be commended for his discovery of the situation existing at the Newport News Shipbuilding Yard. I think this is a matter that may result in extensive legal liability in the future unless it is properly handled.

The important feature is that the employee who is using a saw on Marinite should know what the precautions are that must be taken. Placing a statement in the literature does not carry to the employee the information he should have. It is suggested that a label be placed on the back of the sheets of Marinite. Hugh Jackson and I will be glad to give you the copy required for these labels. We have had the same experience in caution labeling on Celite products.

I am sending copies of this letter to Hugh Jackson and Al Schmidt of the Insurance Department since this is a matter which will increase our premiums on product liability insurance if any law suits are brought against us for failure to warn of the potential hazard.

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