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Subject: OSHA LETTER NO. 34
OSHA STANDARD FOR ASBESTOS FIBER

AS I AM SURE MOST OF YOU ARE AWARE, BEGINNING IN JULY, 1976 THE OSHA STANDARD FOR ASBESTOS BECAME 2 FIBERS PER CUBIC CENTIMETER. THIS AUTOMATIC STANDARD LOWERING WAS PROVIDED FOR IN THE ORIGINAL OSHA REGULATIONS PROMULGATED IN 1972 AND SHOULD COME AS NO SURPRISE TO ANY OF US. SINCE OUR INTERNAL CORPORATE STANDARD FOR ASBESTOS FIBER HAS BEEN AT THE 2-FIBER LEVEL PER CUBIC CENTIMETER FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THIS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ACTION SHOULD PRESENT FEW UNKNOWN PROBLEMS.

I REQUEST THAT MANAGERS AT ALL ASBESTOS-USING PLANTS REVIEW THE PAST FOUR INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE SURVEY REPORTS. IF ANY OF THE STATIONS ARE FOUND TO BE OVER THE 2 FIBER PER CUBIC CENTIMETER LIMIT, OR IF THEY APPEAR TO FLUCTUATE BETWEEN JUST BELOW TO JUST ABOVE THE STANDARD, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR DIVISION GENERAL MANAGER, WITH A COPY TO THIS OFFICE, A LISTING OF THE STATIONS AND YOUR PLANS TO ACHIEVE COMPLIANCE.

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