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You will recall that we have discussed on several occasions recently that one of the major problems with our packaging of asbestos is leakage from the fill valve. Riddle conducted a number of experiments about 18 months ago in an attempt to come up with a more positive seal. One concept that looked attractive was the use of tuck-in sleeves, however, it is the plant's view that a tuck-in sleeve is not appropriate for main circuit products because of operator fatigue, etc.

It thus appears that the most expedient solution to this problem of material dribble from the spout is to use on many of the main circuit products individual bag shrink wrapping in the same manner as we will soon be doing for the RG-244. To this end it is requested that you take immediate steps to procure and install an individual bag shrink film oven in the main circuit packaging area. If it has not already been accomplished, we should simultaneously proceed to provide a bag cleaning station in the main circuit bagging area. It is not necessary that this bag cleaning occur before the product enters the bag shrink wrap oven since products which will need cleaning will be shrink wrapped on a total pallet basis in the existing shrink wrap tunnel. We should make every effort to have this equipment installed and operating by the end of the first quarter of 1975.

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