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Date November 16, 1984

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Area E/R-Occupational Health
Product Safety

Answering Letter Date

Subject Asbestos Awareness Program
(2.2.62)

Would you and/or Fred
Complete the forms, please?
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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT UC-69

At a recent Workmen's Compensation hearing for a worker at one of our mills, considerable time was spent trying to determine where asbestos exposures might have occurred. Both past and present exposures were of concern. It became evident that there was a lack of awareness among the location personnel that certain products, particularly some installed 10-30 years ago, contained asbestos and represented a potential source of exposure.

As you know, asbestos is a highly publicized carcinogen and is subject to stringent regulations covering personnel exposure, environmental discharge and waste disposal. The Asbestos Awareness Program has been developed to verify that all of the locations know where asbestos is present on their sites and what regulations apply. It is intended to:

- Protect our people.

- Assure compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

The attached package contains an Asbestos Location/Activities Survey Form and a copy of the current applicable OSHA and MSHA asbestos regulations relating to worker exposure. The EPA regulations covering renovation, demolition, and waste disposal are contained in Section 9.1 of the Division Environmental Manual and are not repeated here.

The survey form lists eight asbestos-containing materials which are generally common to our mills and to a limited extent to the mines. For each material you are asked to determine where and approximately how much of the designated product types are present. A careful "walk through" estimate is adequate. The first four of these materials listed are generally left over from the past. The last four may or may not be currently in use. For each case you should also indicate what plans, if any, you have to remove or renovate the older materials and the extent of any activities now involved with asbestos-containing products.

It is important to realize that the present list is not necessarily all-inclusive. Space is provided in Item 9 to add any materials which you know or suspect may contain asbestos. We would like to avoid future surprises so please give this your careful consideration.

It should be emphasized that this is not a "get rid of asbestos" campaign. Asbestos has a number of unique uses where there are no equivalent alternatives. The objective, as stated earlier, is to be sure that it is used and handled properly and in compliance with all regulations.

When the surveys are completed they will be reviewed with the respective locations to determine if any further specific actions are needed. This program was approved at the Sept.11 meeting of the Division SHOC. The target date for completion of the surveys is December 31, 1984. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to call Mr. R. L. Beethe. He will be coordinating activities under this program..

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Attachments