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Asbestos

The current standard established by the Labor Department for maximum permissible quantities of asbestos is 5 fibers per cubic centimeter of air. Measurements taken in various operating areas show we meet this standard at the present time. Because of the recent concern with the degree of hazard asbestos represents, many people feel the standard will be lowered to perhaps 2 fibers per cubic centimeter of air by June of 1974. Anticipating that standards will become more restrictive, we urge that a technical effort by R & D be initiated towards minimizing the use of asbestos. Ideally, of course, a non-hazardous substitute for asbestos would be the most desirable solution. An asbestos-free molding compound would certainly be of considerable value to our customers who will be facing the same types of problems as we are.

In any event, we will continue to modify equipment or change procedures in the plant to reduce the amount of air-borne asbestos. It must be recognized, however, that if the permissible levels were to be reduced much farther, it would be impossible to achieve a satisfactory operation through equipment changes alone.

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