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Date February 4, 1975

Originating Dept. "Calidria" Asbestos

Answering letter date

Copy to Messrs. J. L. Myers
T. P. Norris
H. B. Rhodes
W. C. Thurber
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Subject National Gypsum, Matteson, IL
Damaged Pallets of SG-210

Attached is a letter to T. P. Norris and photographs from National Gypsum, Matteson, IL concerning their last car, SSW 47542, of SG-210. The problem is rather clearly presented.

It seems to me that the suggestions in Miniscalco's letter might be worth our looking into. We also owe them a reply. Please let me know how I should answer their letter.

R. E. Byrne, Jr.

REB:cjb
Attachments

GOLD BOND BUILDING PRODUCTS
DIVISION OF NATIONAL GYPSUM COMPANY
MATTESON PLANT • 21800 MAPLE STREET • MATTESON, ILLINOIS 60443

January 27, 1975

Mr. T. P. Norris, Sales Mgr.
Midwest Region
Union Carbide Corporation
Mining & Metals Div.
305 East 12th Street
Naperville, Illinois 60540

Re: Cars of Asbestos SG 210 Std.

Dear Mr. Norris;

You may recall we have discussed some of the problems which we encountered with E.P.A. in connection with torn bags of asbestos received in shipments from your plant in California. I had indicated we would be quite interested in shrink pack loads, if your company could furnish such loads, in the hope that this would eliminate or at least minimize this problem.

Enclosed are photographs of car SSW 47542 shipped from California on January 2nd and received by us on January 15th. We are somewhat disappointed in the condition of the car and while it is realized we are at the mercy of the railroads in the handling the cars receive enroute, the end result does not seem to justify the cost involved in the shrink-pack loads. You will note from the pictures that there is an excessive amount of sifting occurring which is entrapped in the polyethylene cover protecting the load.

We have some recommendations which we would like to offer which might improve shipments without creating hardship or additional cost to your plant.

We would suggest the use of a compartmentized or DF loader car; if the car is also cushion-underframe, it would offer that much more protection to the load enroute. We, ourselves, load many of our orders to our accounts in the DF-loader cushion-underframe cars to minimize damage in transit.

While carliner was used generally throughout the car, there was no such protection at the doorway. You will note that the loads in the doorway which shifted against the door have suffered damage both in the tearing of the polyethylene cover and the bags of asbestos themselves. It is recommended that the loads in the doorway be protected by using either car liner or cardboard and banding across the doorway.

We would request that the loads placed in the doorway be so positioned that the large openings in the pallets into which the truck forks are inserted face the doorway. This would greatly facilitate the unloading of the car. This is particularly important in the top loads which have a tendency to sink down into the bags of the load beneath so that it is difficult to remove the top load without tearing the bags of the load beneath.

When dunnage is used at the doorway at one side of the car to "tighten" the load, it would be appreciated if the car would be placarded to indicate which side of the car should be unloaded.

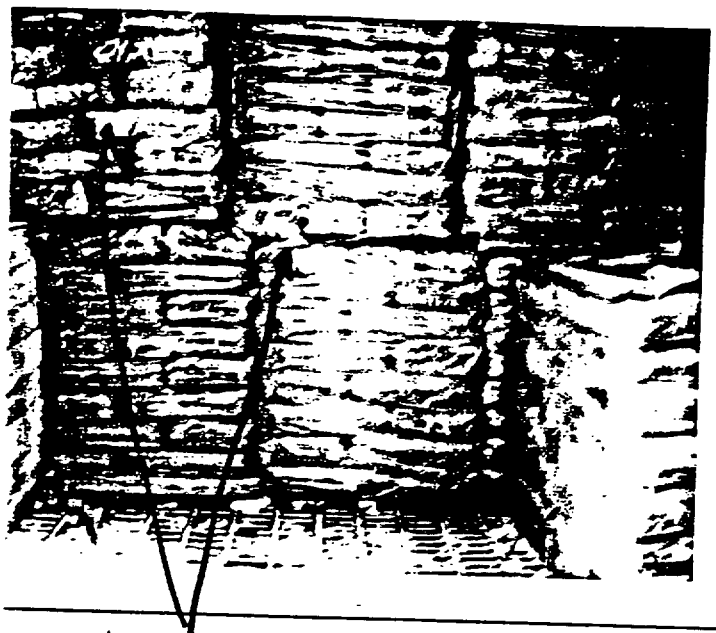
It would be appreciated if you could present these recommendations to your plant for consideration and advise whether they are able to cooperate with us on this. We need all of the assistance we can obtain to minimize the spillage of asbestos throughout our plant.

Yours very truly,

GOLD BOND BLDG. PRODUCTS
Div. National Gypsum Co.

B. Miniscalco, Plant Mgr.

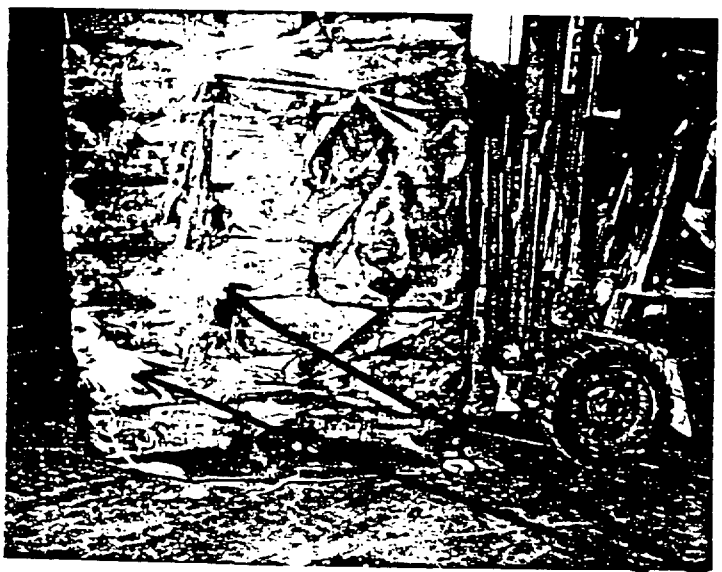
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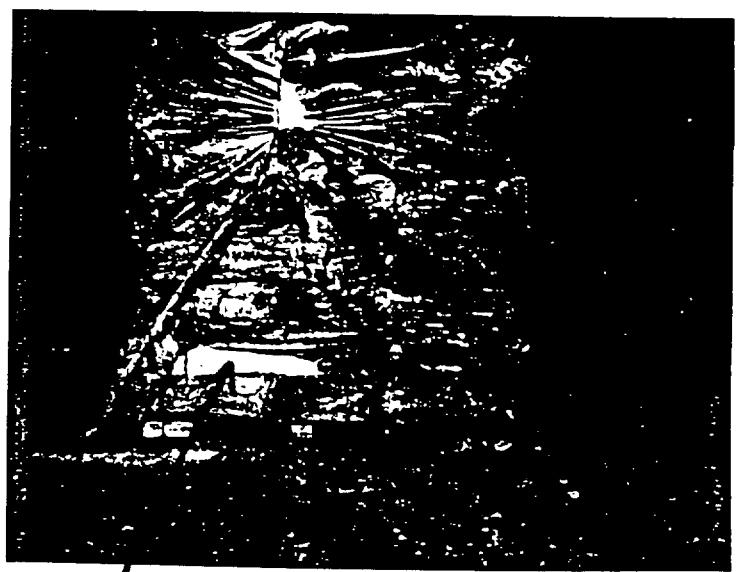


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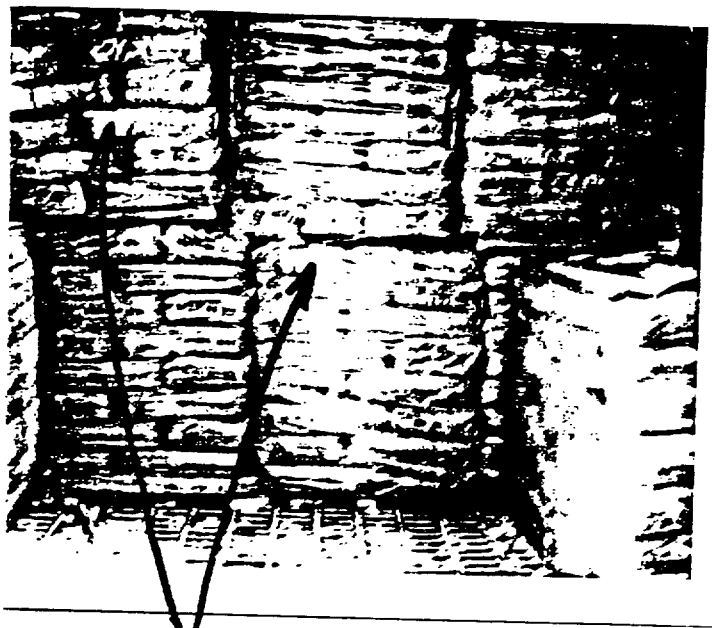
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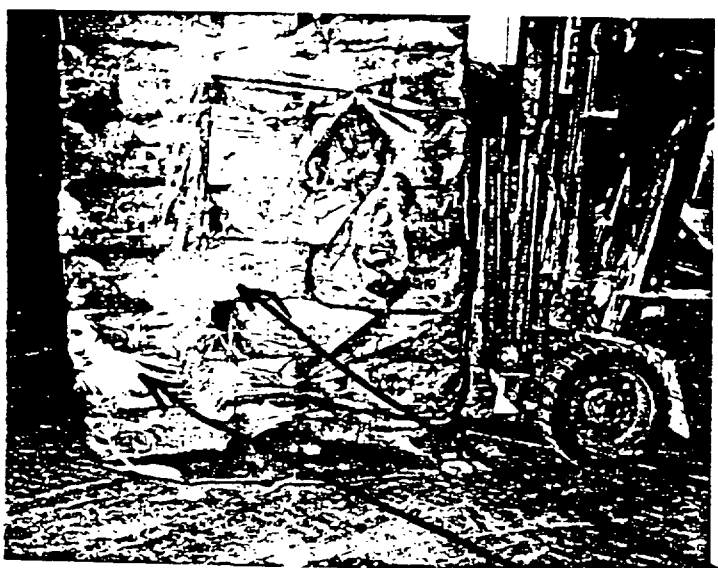
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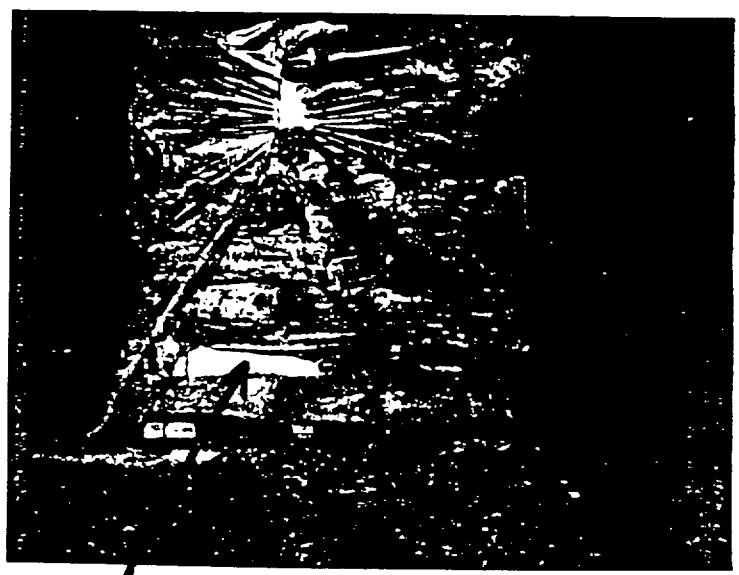


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