U.S. Department of Labor
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
Fort Worth Area Office - Fort Worth Federal Center
4900 Hemphill Street - Building 24, Room 145
P. O. Box 6477 - Fort Worth, Texas 76115
Reply to the Attention of:

(817) 334-5274

CERTIFIED MAIL

July 29, 1981

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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT
UC-731

Pyramid Drilling, Inc. Rig #1
P.O. Box 3177
Abilene, Texas 79604

ATTN: Agent-in-charge

Dear Agent-in-charge:

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) received a complaint concerning safety and health hazards at your worksite located 10 miles West of Anson, Texas. The specific nature of the complaint involves the fact that a material containing asbestos (Super-Vis, manufactured by the Buffalo Mud Company) is mixed into the drilling mud without the use of respirators and goggles.

We have not determined whether hazards, as alleged, exist at your workplace, and we are not conducting an inspection at this time. However, since allegations of violations have been made, you should immediately investigate the alleged condition(s) and make necessary corrections or modifications. Within 30 calendar days of receipt of this letter, please advise me in writing of your findings and of the action you have taken. Your response should be detailed, stating specifically what action you have taken to abate any hazards. You should enclose any supporting documentation of the action you have taken such as monitoring results, ordering of equipment, and the like.

The complainant has been advised of our response to the complaint and furnished a copy of this letter. Section 11(c) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 (Public Law 91-596) provides that, "No person shall discharge or in any manner discriminate against any employee because such employee has filed any complaint or because of the exercise by such employee on behalf of himself or others of any right afforded by this Act."

This letter is not a citation, nor is it a notification of proposed penalty, which according to the OSHA Act may only be issued after an inspection or investigation of the workplace. If we do not receive a response from you within 30 calendar days or less indicating that appropriate action has been taken, an inspection will be conducted.

In addition, OSHA's policy is to randomly follow up with an inspection in a sample of cases in which we receive letters of satisfactory abatement action from an employer. Finally, any action taken by you in this matter cannot remove your workplace from the possibility of an unannounced inspection by duly authorized representatives of OSHA.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact our office. Your personal support and interest in the safety and health of your employees is appreciated.

Sincerely,

CHARLES M. FREEMAN
Area Director
Fort Worth Area Office

PYRAMID DRILLING, INC.
P.O. Box 3177, Abilene, Texas 79604
915-673-4625

August 4, 1981

Mr. Charles M. Freeman
Occupational Safety and Health Administration
P.O. Box 6477
Fort Worth, Texas 76115

Re: Letter dated July 29, 1981

Dear Mr. Freeman,

It is our policy that materials containing asbestos, specifically Super-Vis, are not used on our drilling rigs. Area mud companies are aware of our policy and utilize liquid P1000 in liew of Super-Vis. Management was not aware that Super-Vis was being used on our Rig #1.

Upon receipt of your letter, we called the operator of the well and advised him of the problem and learned that a company named ChemDrill was the drilling mud contractor. We have not previously utilized this company and they were unaware of our policy. The company was directed to pick up the asbestos containing materials and have done so. Super-Vis is a cheaper material and apparently the mud contractor sought to keep the mud charges lower through its use.

If our employee had simply called the office and notified us of the problem, the Super-Vis would have been eliminated even sooner. Please advise our employee that management deserves an opportunity to solve a problem as much as he deserves the right to contact an outsider for help.

Sincerely yours,

Royce W. Calk V.P. Controller

RWC/pc

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October 15, 1981

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Mr. Ken Campbell, President
Montello Inc.
6106 East 32nd Place
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74063

Dear Ken:

Confirming our phone conversation this week Bill Thurber and I will look forward to meeting with Harry Wyatt, Allen Johnson and yourself on Tuesday, November 10th at New York's LaGuardia Airport. I will meet your TWA 140 arrival at 12:41 P.M. and we can go to the meeting room that will be set up for us.

The following are topics we have discussed that we will plan to cover in the meeting:

a) The new Calidria asbestos industry oriented sales organization.
b) Year to date review of oil drilling activities and Montello's mud sales to the industry vs. competition.
c) THE PRODUCT LIABILITY QUESTION.
d) '82 outlook for drilling and CSV/UNIVIS sales.
e) '82 pricing.
f) Review of surplus and offgrade stock at King City for disposition.
g) The status of conversion over to Univis.

We recognize that the Product Liability issue will be the key issue to be addressed at the meeting and discussion on it will go a long way towards providing insight and direction to items d, e, and f.

You mentioned that Harry and Allen will be staying overnight in the city and your plans were to return to Tulsa on an American flight leaving at 7:00 P.M., so it looks like we will have about five solid hours to cover issues we need to discuss. I'm looking forward to our meeting and if you have any additional topics you want to bring to the table please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Jack Walsh

J. E. Walsh
Manager-Distributor Sales

JEW/krh

bcc: W. C. Thurber Danbury
R. W. Byrne Niagara Falls

E. W/s note time + place.

cc R F X F Dana 10/20
Bob maybe you could contribute to this mtg. Must do you think ...

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