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To (Name) Occupational Health
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Division

Location

Area

Copy to

Date November 16, 1984

Originating Dept.

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?
11/18/85



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..

H. B. Rhodes

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HBR/gm

Attachments

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To (Name) H. B. Rhodes
Division UMETCO MINERALS CORPORATION
Location Grand Junction, CO
Area

Copy to R. O. Marsten ✓

Date January 25, 1985
Originating Dept.
Area
Subject Asbestos Awareness Program (2.2.62)

Enclosed is our report concerning the Subject and your letter dated 11/16/84. My apologies for the belated, and probably unnecessary, report.

John L. Myers

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Encl:

ASBESTOS LOCATION/ACTIVITIES SURVEY*

Location King City
Survey by
Date Completed

1. Calcium Silicate Thermal Insulation Purchased or Installed Prior to About 1973

- Locations where present and approximate amount.

Boiler Steam piping

150' 4" pipe

- Ongoing or planned activities re each location.

NONE

2. Dry Mix Insulation Patching Materials (Used to coat thermal insulation, finish bends, fill cracks, etc.)

- Locations where present and approximate amount.

BOILER STEAM piping bends STATED ABOVE

- Ongoing or planned activities re each location.

NONE

*Use other side if more space needed.

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ASBESTOS LOCATION/ACTIVITIES SURVEY (Continued)

3. Asbestos-Cement products
Transite Buildings, Panel Boards, Chutes, Pipes, etc.

- ~~Locations~~ where present and approximate amount.

NONE

- Ongoing or planned activities re each location.

4. Tape Joints and Spray Accoustical and Decorative Materials Purchased or Installed Prior to About 1976

- Locations where present and approximate amount.

MAIN OFFICE

SOME IN TAPED JOINTS

- Ongoing or planned activities re each location.

NONE

ASBESTOS LOCATION/ACTIVITIES SURVEY (Continued)

5. Brake/Clutch Repairs on Autos, Trucks, and Heavy Equipment

- Locations where present and approximate amount.

Mill; 7 Forklifts, 2 Trucks, 2 loaders
1 "Cat" Dozer
BRAKE & Clutch plates
Mine - 1 Cat Dozer, 2 Loaders, 2 Trucks
2 pickups, 1 Stacker 1 Screen

- Ongoing or planned activities re each location.

NONE

6. Asbestos Containing Packings and Gaskets

- Locations where present and approximate amount.

Gasket in water, air, steam lines.
300 more or less Gaskets
Also some in stores in Warehouse

- Ongoing or planned activities re each location.

None

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ASBESTOS LOCATION/ACTIVITIES SURVEY (Continued)

7. Asbestos Insulation Roping, Tape, Cloth.

- Locations where present and approximate amount.

ROPE USED IN EXPANSION JOINTS IN BOTH OUR DRYERS
CLOTH USED ON DRYER, HOOD SEALS
200' IN DRYER 1½" DIA. ROPE.
150' IN WAREHOUSE " "

- Ongoing or planned activities re each location.

NONE

8. Asbestos Containing Thermal Protective Clothing, Welding Blankets, etc.

- Locations where present and approximate amount.

2 pair Asbestos Mitts
1 pair Lab.
1 pair Shop

- Ongoing or planned activities re each location.

NONE

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ASBESTOS LOCATION/ACTIVITIES SURVEY (Continued)

9. Any Other Known or Suspected Asbestos Containing Materials

- Locations where present and approximate amount.

ASBESTOS ORE RESERVE AT MINE - 50,000,000 Tons
" " " " MILL - 50,000 Tons
BAGGED ASBESTOS PRODUCT ON HAND - 3000 TONS

- Ongoing or planned activities re each location.

Continued Asbestos ore beneficiation process
to produce Asbestos fibers

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