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UNION CARBIDE INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

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To (Name) Mr. G. F. Hurley*
Division
Location

Date August 10, 1978

Originating Dept Research and Development

Copy to Mr. F. DeRosa
Mr. J. W. Forth
Dr. R. F. Kayser
Mr. D. R. Shearer

Subject Asbestos Tape Insulation

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT
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Dear George:

Please review the matter posed in the attached letter to me, and others, dated 8/8/78. I am not sufficiently informed with respect to the time, circumstances, or any other factors which may affect our use of or exposure to asbestos tape insulation. From your letter to W. H. Baxter, Jr., et al. (6/8/77) we conclude that there are OSHA standards for dealing with asbestos, especially its removal. What is the basis for the position that the installation of new tape insulation does not require any special precautions?

Thank you,

D. L. MacPeek

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To (Name) F. DeRosa, 701-125
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J. E. Logsdon, 740-5109
D. L. MacPeek, 701-246 ✓
Operations Supervisors (9)

Date August 8, 1978

Originating Dept R/D Operations Group

Subject Asbestos Insulation

cc: D. R. Shearer, 770-157

Gentlemen:

The subject of asbestos tape installation has surfaced recently. What are the hazards of installing new asbestos tape insulation?

We have been advised by our safety coordinator that the Environmental Health Department has ruled that installing new asbestos tape insulation does not require special precautionary safety measures.

The removal of asbestos tape insulation or any other type of asbestos insulation requires special safety precautions. A request to your area engineer is required to remove any asbestos insulation. He will request the proper service group to perform the task.

A copy of G. F. Hurley's letter dated June 8, 1977 is attached, addressing the subject "Removal of Asbestos Insulation".

Very truly yours,

J. W. Forth

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Supervisor Operations Group

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Attachment

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UNION CARBIDE — INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

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To (Name) Dr. D. L. MacPeek
Division Building 701-246
Location

Date August 14, 1978
Originating Dept. Technical Center IH/EP
Subject Asbestos Tape Insulation

Copy to Mr. F. DeRosa
Mr. J. W. Forth
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Mr. J. E. Logsdon
Mr. H. L. Robinson
Mr. D. R. Shearer
Mr. W. T. Shelton

Dear Dr. MacPeek:

This is a reiteration of our position that application of new asbestos tape does not require special precautionary measures for protection of workers. This policy developed after a number of people were monitored for exposure to asbestos during application of asbestos-containing tape in widths up to two inches. Asbestos levels found were less than 0.4 fibers/ml (<5μ) compared to an OSHA allowed level of 2.0. This policy also assumes that the possible exposure of a given person will be infrequent and of short duration.

For removal of such tapes the procedure specified by OSHA is still valid. Here, the premise is that alternate heating and cooling cycles weaken the fibers. Thus, there is extensive formation of pieces in the <5μ size when such insulation is removed.

Very truly yours,

George F. Hurley

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