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Subject Asbestos Export

This is in response to your inquiry about exports of asbestos from the U.S. in May 1976.

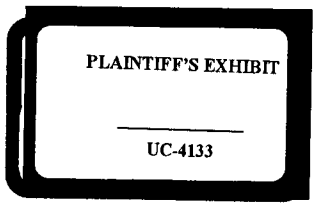
Following is a summary of the monthly average of asbestos exports since 1970:

	Total U.S.		"Calidria"		% of Total U.S.	
Year	Tons	$M	Tons	$M	Tons	$
1970	1788	204	217	29	12	14
1971	2010	228	308	49	15	22
1972	2519	385	240	43	10	11
1973	1926	220	482	93	25	42
1974	1571	214	506	108	32	50
1975	1646	333	415	76	25	23
1976	2586	568	584	164	23	29
	(1976 is through May)					

Exports of asbestos from the U.S. for each month in 1976 are as follows:

1976	Total U.S.		"Calidria"		% of Total U.S.	
Month	Tons	$M	Tons	$M	Tons	$
Jan.	1503	420	607	149	40	36
Feb.	1956	543	603	208	31	38
Mar.	2401	540	696	210	29	39
Apr.	2859	562	746	148	26	26
May	4213	775	270	106	6	14
June	--	-	912	209	-	-
July	--	-	368	122	-	-

I don't know the source or accuracy of the export reports; but, in collecting the above information, I did note several obvious discrepancies and/or mis-calculations. I also don't know what is included in "waste and refuse", or why some countries have multiple listings. There are some $700-800/T products



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going to countries like Norway, Mexico and the Arab Empire, where we don't ship RG-244 or SX-24. According to Canadian price schedules, these must be Grades 3 or 4.

I think the trends in the first table above reflect the demise of JM-Coalinga and the re-appearance of the Calaveras County production, especially if all their products are shipped as "waste and refuse".

Based on the average prices of U.S. Exports there appears to be little, if any, floor tile asbestos being exported from the U.S. The average prices indicate that most of the volume is Grade 6, probably from Calaveras since most of the Vermont production is used by GAF.

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