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Full Name Glidden-Durkee Cleveland, Ohio Address Mfrs. of	Interviewed Dick Haviland, Asst. Dir. Mfg. (Telecon)

I called Mr. Haviland pursuant to our recent meeting with Glidden-Durkee concerning the health and new regulatory issues regarding asbestos. Mr. Haviland and I engaged in a rather lengthy conversation which can be summarized quite briefly - Glidden-Durkee's position regarding asbestos is currently the same as prior to our meeting, that is, G-D is presently trying to eliminate asbestos, talc, and apparently one or two other raw materials that are coming under stringent federal regulations or scrutiny.

Mr. Haviland appeared sympathetic but nonetheless adamant in attitude. Presently, there are still one or two Glidden-Durkee locations that are still using RG-244; however, this appears to be in conflict with present corporate edict. According to Haviland, G-D has only acquired an industrial hygienist in the last year and their position with regard to health and safety is somewhat less than sophisticated. Furthermore, the attitude of corporate administrators is archaic with regard to expenditures in this area of endeavor and the general reaction has been to eliminate rather than attempt compliance measures with regard to new regulations.

The reason for RG-244 still being used is probably due to the proprietary nature of the formulations and the function that it serves, nevertheless, it retains for us a foothold within their production facilities. It is obvious by Mr. Haviland's comments and the general reaction within the G-D organization that RG-244 does, in their opinion, serve a definite and worthwhile function, but the regulations demand more trouble than the product is worth. This attitude is not at all difficult to understand. Glidden-Durkee, like many paint companies, has over the last three or four years been forced to make numerous reformulations in their paint systems in order to comply with the new environmental laws regarding solvents, etc. and, of course, the mercury and lead regulations have also required complete reformulation of many products. According to Haviland, Glidden-Durkee has over the last three years been doing almost nothing in research other than reformulating and it is obvious that they do not intend to get burned again.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Maintain periodic followup with Haviland and others at Glidden-Durkee.

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