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Subject REOPENING OF OSHA ASBESTOS STANDARD

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As a follow-up to my comments at Phoenix, you will be interested in the outcome of meetings Dick Carter and I had with OSHA personnel that same week on the matter of the asbestos standard reopening.

The attached file memo prepared by Dick is very detailed - but I believe it important you have all the facts at hand on this important matter.

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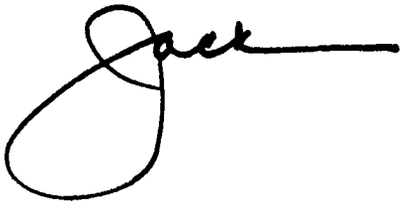
You will note that Jerry Scannell said he has no intention of changing the numerical standard or the timing -- meaning the two fiber per cc TLV will go into effect in July 1976 as originally scheduled. He did add, however, that this would be the case unless OSHA was put under undue pressure for a change in the numbers and timing. We know that the labor unions are attacking the two fiber standard on the basis that it was modeled after the British standard which they (the unions and Dr. Selikoff) say is "phony." It is important, in my mind, that we work closely with the British in clarifying their position in this matter -- and you can be assured we will do so.

It is also important that we provide immediately all the input we can into Jerry Scannell's office. That is the reason for my suggestion, which they accepted, that Ed Fenner's Technical Committee get with them just as quickly as possible to provide input on work practices and other technical matters. This is already underway.

The timing of all this is difficult to pin down, though Scannell did say he was aiming at publishing a proposed revised standard in the Fall of 1974.

We continue to develop very sound relationships with OSHA people thanks to the fine footwork of Dick Carter and the personal relationship which Conde Pallen of our Purchasing Department has with Jerry Scannell.

And it is important that we support Scannell's thinking when we believe it to be good for the industry. That is the reason we've written his boss, John Stender (letter attached) supporting Scannell's program and pledging our support.



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