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Subject: CORPORATE RESPIRATORY PROTECTION PROGRAM
MY MEMO DATED JANUARY 30, 1976

THE ABOVE-MENTIONED MEMO OUTLINING THE PROBLEMS WITH THE MSA DUSTFOE 77 RESPIRATORS IS FURTHER SUPPLEMENTED BY THE ATTACHED LETTER JUST RECEIVED FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (OSHA). THIS LETTER IN EFFECT GRANTS US A VARIANCE TO PHASE OUT THE USE OF OUR DUSTFOE 77'S. YOU WILL NOTE THAT THIS MAY REQUIRE MORE FREQUENT CHANGINGS OF THE FILTER MEDIA SO THAT THE RESISTANCE DOESN'T BECOME TOO HIGH. YOU SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT OTHER RESPIRATORS MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYEES WHO REFUSE TO WEAR THE DUSTFOE 77.

THIS IS ONLY AN INTERIM VARIANCE AND NEW EQUIPMENT PURCHASES MUST BE ON THE NIOSH-APPROVED LIST FOR ASBESTOS USAGE.

MY ADVICE WOULD BE TO USE THIS LETTER ONLY IF A QUESTION SHOULD ARISE DURING OUR PHASE-OUT PERIOD. I WOULD IN NO WAY RECOMMEND GENERAL DISTRIBUTION OF THIS LETTER.

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