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Mr. J. K. Dobek
Plant Manager

SUBJECT: Asbestos

In response to your note regarding current asbestos procedures, I have attached a letter issued in 1975. Physical exams were given to all employes who had ever worked with asbestos at Melrose Park including welders who used to work standing on a sheet of asbestos protecting the wooden floors. We had one reported case of asbestosis which later proved to be old T.B. scar tissue on the employe's lung. Since the letter was issued, we have replaced asbestos gloves with leather and wool,and steam pipe wrapping are all fibreglas. Powdered asbestos is used only by the pipe shop and boiler house under strict rules, reviewed three months ago. Asbestos cloth is used by maintenance departments to prevent weld spatter in repair operations. This material does not create a dust hazard. Special handling procedures are followed by employes working with asbestos bushings and brake linings used on our tractors.

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Safety Supervisor

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Attachment
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