

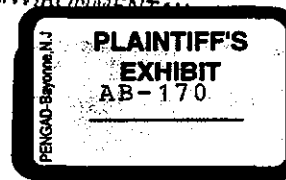


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November 17, 1986

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Dear Mr. Wise:

The purpose of this letter is to assist you in the identification of those areas of your plant which need to be designated "Regulated Areas" as defined by the new asbestos standard.

The asbestos standard defines a regulated area as "an area established by the employer to demarcate areas where airborne concentrations of asbestos, tremolite, anthophyllite, actinolite, or a combination of these minerals exceed, or can reasonably be expected to exceed, the permissible exposure limit".

The following areas of your facility were identified during the survey conducted August 25 through 29, 1986 as areas in which the permissible exposure limit (PEL) was exceeded:

Book Preform

Block Preform

Block Finishing

Strip Finishing

Disc Brake Preform

Disc Brake Finish

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In addition to the above areas, the following areas could reasonably be expected to exceed the PEL because exposures in these areas were found to be close to the PEL:

Compounding

Disc Brake Press

The recommendations contained in the report of the industrial hygiene study dated September 26, 1986 which apply to these regulated areas include:

Recommendations dealing with the regulated areas:

Recommendation numbers 8, 4, 5, 6,

Recommendations dealing with employees exposed above the PEL, i.e. employees who work in the regulated areas:

Recommendation numbers 7, 10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, and 21.

Very truly yours,



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