

Add additional enclosure: "Recommended Procedures for Reducing Asbestos Dust During Brake Servicing," from Raybestos-Manhattan catalog.

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Attention: Mr. Stephen A. Nolan

Gentlemen:

On September 1, 1976 you wrote to the Asbestos Information Association concerning information on asbestos as it relates to brake shoes, drums and assemblies. Mr. Mereness of the Asbestos Information Association suggested that you contact me for information.

I'm not exactly sure what information Mr. Mereness sent you but I would like to enclose some information which may be of help. I've enclosed an article entitled, "Asbestos Dust Control in Brake Service Centers." This is a draft article prepared by the Institute concerning good housekeeping procedures to be used in brake service shops. It is a draft document and is not necessarily final. I believe that it may help alleviate problems associated with the asbestos dust in brake shops.

I am also enclosing an article that was put out by the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health. This was in the form of a letter from Dr. Lloyd of NIOSH which attached some recommended procedures for asbestos brake and clutch servicing. The NIOSH recommendations are in reasonable harmony with those draft recommendations that I've enclosed. I'm also enclosing a copy of an article as it appeared in Brake and Front End Service in May 1976. This article discussed some of the same items noted by NIOSH. In addition, it discussed equipment used for maintaining minimum dust levels in the brake service shops.

If you have some specific questions concerning the asbestos problem I would try my best to help you. The main emphasis up until this time has been on factories. I believe they had a more serious asbestos dust problem than brake service shops. However, if brake service shops use poor work practices such as an air hose to blow off used parts, or they do not have good dust collection when grinding brake linings, there may be asbestos dust problems in these areas too. It would appear that most brake service shop problems are controllable with good work practices and good housekeeping.

Sincerely,

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