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Owners and Operators
Demolition and Asbestos Spraying Companies
Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to Section 112 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1857 et seq), the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency promulgated National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants on April 6, 1973. These emission standards are applicable to certain sources of asbestos, beryllium and mercury emissions. We believe that your facility may be such a source.

The purpose of this letter is to notify the owners or operators of companies in the business of spraying asbestos materials and companies in the business of demolishing buildings, structures, facilities or installations of the requirements of the regulations. The emission standard for asbestos affects asbestos spraying and demolition operations (see pages 8820 to 8892 and §61.20 to 61.24, pages 8829 and 8830 of the enclosed April 6, 1973, Federal Register). The requirements include:

Prohibited Activities*

1. No person may construct any new source or modify any existing source to which a standard is applicable after April 6, 1973, without first obtaining approval from EPA. Asbestos spraying and demolition operations are exempt from this provision.

2. No person shall operate any new source in violation of any applicable standard after April 6, 1973. Demolition operations are considered new sources.

3. No person shall operate any existing source in violation of any applicable standard after July 4, 1973, except under a waiver granted by the EPA Administrator. Asbestos spraying operations are considered existing sources.

* The President may exempt any source from compliance with the standards for a period of not more than two years (renewable) if he finds that the technology to implement such standards is not available and the operation of such source is required for reasons of national security. Inquiries regarding this exemption should be addressed to this office.