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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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Attached are the new regulations (29 CFR Part 1910.93 and 1910.93a) setting the standard for exposure to asbestos dust. These replace the emergency standards published in December. The new regulations become effective July 7, 1972.

Highlights of concern to Shell are:

1. Permissible Exposure

Level remains at 5 fibers per cubic centimeter until July 1, 1976. At that time the level drops to 2 fibers per cc.

The ceiling concentration stays at 10 fibers per cc.

2. Methods of Compliance

Engineering controls are the methods of choice. Respirators and personnel rotation are to be used as secondary methods or in emergencies.

Measurement: Initial determinations on "... every place of employment where asbestos fibers are released..." are to be made by December 7, 1972.

For employees, "... whose exposure to asbestos may reasonably be foreseen to exceed the limits..." sampling is to be done at no less than six months' intervals.

Employees may observe any monitoring done.

Caution Signs and Labels: The format and text are supplied.

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Medical Examinations: Preplacement examinations which include chest x-rays and lung function studies are required as are annual examinations for each employee who might be exposed.

The employer will have access to the medical records which must be retained for at least 20 years.



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Attachment

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