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Old Soldering Wiping Pads Containing Asbestos

General: This information is provided in the event that old asbestos soldering wiping pads may still be in circulation. These pads were discontinued in the mid 1970's, and replaced with a non-hazardous material. Unfortunately, the replacement piece part has the same number. If the pad in question has been in use prior to 1977, it should be disposed of accordingly.

Procedures:

- If old pads are identified, they should be wetted down with encapsulant or soapy water and carefully placed into 6ML poly trash bag, and masked according to Handbook 0, Section 7 for disposal. Contact your Regional Environmental Engineer for proper disposal instructions. → (NAPO)

- If the pads are friable, contact your environmental engineer for proper asbestos assessment before continuing.

Location: Soldering wiping pads R-2973
Piece part number P469513

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To: NARO-East
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Date: May 5, 1997

Re: Old Soldering Wiping Pads Containing Asbestos

Asbestos wiping pads used with old soldering irons have recently been discovered at a New York NS location. Although this location was specifically directed to replace the wiping pads with newer models, this situation may exist throughout the US. This correspondence serves as informational. Please share this information with all NS locations which may utilize these wiping pads.

Doug Zabrin informed NARO that these asbestos wiping pads were discontinued and scheduled for replacement in 1977. A notice was distributed by Zabrin in July of 1992 indicating that some of the asbestos wiping pads may still be in existence and must be replaced immediately. This notice is attached for your information. The old asbestos soldering wiping pads are model R-2973, the piece part number is P469513. Unfortunately, the replacement piece part has the same number.

Please ensure that all soldering irons are utilizing the newer foam wiping pads as opposed to the older R-2973 asbestos wiping pads. Please refer all asbestos disposal inquiries to the Hazardous Waste Center.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (908)630-2701.

Lisa Schubert
NARO-East

cc: Ron Di Cola

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2. PROCEDURES

a) If old pads are identified, they should be wetted down with encapsulant (see reference in appendix E) or soapy water, carefully placed into 6ml poly trash bag, and masked according to Handbook 0, Section 7 for disposal. Contact your Regional Environmental Engineer for proper disposal instructions.

b) If the pads are friable, they should also be wetted down completely and placed into 6ml bag before contacting Waste Center on 1-888-539-2783 (1-888-53-WASTE) for proper asbestos assessment before continuing.

2.1 **Location:** Soldering wiping pads R-2973
Piece part number P469513

3. ACCIDENTAL EXPOSURE

3.1 See paragraph 21 of this handbook section.

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6.4 Installation shall not perform any of the activities listed in paragraph 6.3 on Asbestos materials unless specific engineering precautions are documented by GSP EH&S Engineering organization and followed. Contact GSP EH&S organization for more information or approval. (See Contacts)

6.5 Asbestos Physical Appearance

Color: Usually off white, gray or light brown
Texture: Coarse, fibrous, and/or fluffy flocked.

6.6 Examples of Potential Asbestos Environments

a) Cementitious plaster
b) Drop ceiling panels
c) Ceiling beams
d) Steam pipe tunnels
e) Steam and hot water pipes
f) Engine exhaust pipes and apparatus
g) Cable hole covers (transit)
h) Cable holes and slots - Old bags
i) Mounting washer and wrappings on ceramic resistors and resistor cards
j) Floor tiles
k) Old cement pipes
l) Old rolling ladder brake linings
m) Old Asbestos wire and cable insulation
n) Old soldering iron wiping pads
o) Fire-fighting gloves and blankets.
p) Old (green) cable hole putty
q) Insulation on emergency power generators, exhaust piping and apparatus
r) Caulks and sealants (for example, Duxseal).
s) Any other area where fire or heat protection is required

7. WORK PRACTICES AND PROCEDURE RESPONSIBILITIES CHECKLIST

7.1 The specifics of the following responsibilities are found in their respective paragraphs through out this section.

7.2 Lucent Responsibilities

a) Initial Asbestos inquiries to customer
b) Hazard assessment by NARO or by one who has received competent person training
c) Notification to employee of the presence of Asbestos Containing Material (ACM) or Presumed Asbestos Containing Material (PACM)
d) Employees and/or supervisors Asbestos awareness training
e) Employees respirator training and fit testing (if respirators are required)
f) Employees medical exams (in conjunction with respirator usage)
g) Personal protective equipment and supplies
h) Work procedures/Engineering controls
i) Recordkeeping
j) Personal monitoring (contingency plan), i.e., accidental exposure, disposition of contaminated equipment.

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