



INTRA-COMPANY COMMUNICATION

SUBJECT Obsolete Asbestos Chicago Stock

DATE January 17, 1990

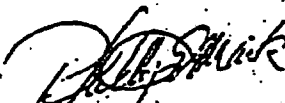
TO Gus Franklin
Chuck McNamara
Paula Schaff

Attached is my letter of 11/17/89, to Ron Niemeier on the subject matter along with a list which represents his reply. As you can see, the number of months supply represented by these quantities ranges from a low of one month to a high of 22 months.

My purpose in addressing this question to you folks is out of recognition of the fact that we need to agree on a cut-off point on the intake of asbestos bearing product into our inventory. I understand that Bernice Fuskaric is working on a second list of obsolete asbestos bearing product for our consideration and that Victor-St. Thomas is preparing a similar list. We originally cut-off asbestos bearing intake last July, and I hesitate to extend it. We are still purchasing asbestos bearing material from England, Germany and Mexico; however, that is all packaged stock and it will be relatively easy to isolate the inventories when we do make the change. The same is not true of bulk stock, especially since we have already made one cut-off.

In August, 1992, we must start labeling gasket sets which contain asbestos with a notation that the specific set cannot be sold after August, 1993. Given the slow turn of our packaged inventory and the even slower turn of, and the difficulty in isolating our bulk inventory, I do not think that we should do this.

Would you please pass judgement on this and let me know how we should proceed.


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Attachments

cc: John Harris
Terry Shively



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