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TO: J. H. Greer/Vermiculite Products, Inc.
L. A. Irvine/Vermiculite-Intermountain, Inc.
R. B. Moran/Texas Vermiculite Company
J. B. Robinson/Robinson Insulation Co.
J. C. York/Vermiculite of Hawaii

DATE: May 3, 1973

FROM: T. P. Feit

SUBJECT: EPA

I sent you a copy of the "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants" on April 17, 1973. You will note that these also include certain restrictions and requirements on manufacturers of insulation and fireproofing materials with respect to visible emissions to the atmosphere. If such a manufacturer is discharging visible emissions, he is required to install pollution control equipment if asbestos fibers are present in the air stream.

As you may know, asbestos (tremolite) is present as a contaminant in vermiculite when it is mined. We do not know the extent to which asbestos fibers may continue to be present in an air stream from our expanding furnaces. To meet other federal particulate emission standards, we have equipped many of our plants and have plans to equip all the rest with bag house dust collection systems. Consequently, we intend to so advise the EPA of these plans submitting the necessary reports to obtain an approved compliance schedule. We suggest that you do the same; however, this is a judgment for you to make.

Thomas P. Feit

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