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Dear Bob:

As agreed at our recent meeting, the spraying data to serve as the basis for proposed amendments to the Marks Bill have been compiled into four broad categories and are attached. Bill Mortonson is planning to supplement his information with some data on emulsified asphalt-based materials and a spot has been left in Table IV to add this when you receive it. The Johns-Manville account, Riverside Cement, has not provided their data and, at Ed Fenner's suggestion, we have not included their end use. It would not be difficult to add a category, "Water-Based Systems with Cement Binder" if they should come through with the information.

The data have been incorporated into a proposed draft of a letter to Senator Marks put together by Bill Thurber. Four exemptions are requested that correspond to the four types of binder systems typified by the data. I did considerable thinking on the selection of the "right" words to define each system as broadly as possible and still have it acceptable and came to the conclusion that this depended largely on what the Senator wants. The definitions shown represent my opinion of definitions which are reasonable and can be defended effectively if this becomes necessary.

In essence, in each case the binder has been described broadly but a minimum binder level is also specified. This is coupled with a maximum asbestos level. Individual end-use categorization has been avoided. Obviously, if discussions with Senator Marks indicate binder and asbestos level specifications are unnecessary, they can be dropped.

Copies of this have been sent to Ed Fenner and Bill Mortonson for their comments and suggestions. It would be appreciated if they would also look at the data carefully to pick up any oversights. When you get the EPA problem temporarily out of the way, let's discuss this further.

Very truly yours,

Harry

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Attachments

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