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D.N. Campbell - Texas City

December 6, 1979

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Complaint from Ed Pascavage, a Truck Helper, about Handling
Broken, Heavy Polyethylene Bags of Tearout Asbestos

J.A. Glass

V.A. Mapes
L. Schwab
J.A.G.

At 10:15 A.M. on December 6, 1979, I went to examine the material being unloaded into the asbestos dumpster located just north of the tank loading racks and found violations of the asbestos standard. First, a number of the bags had large tear holes and asbestos fibers were all over the outside. Second, some of the bags weighed over 75 lbs. and the employee reports they break open when they are lifted to put them in the dumpster. Third, I found asbestos fibers on the man's street clothing (coveralls are not furnished to the truckers for this job). In view of these violations, it is my opinion that the driver and his helper have as much potential of asbestos exposure doing this job as the insulators at the tearout site.

Ed also thinks that they need a way of lowering the clean barricade around the dumpster so that they can get the truck closer. Not related to this complaint but still on the subject of employee protection, he feels a rack is needed on the truck when they haul welding rigs.

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Vernon,
This needs attention. Sounds
like the bags are too light
weight, mishandled and/or
overfilled. We should never
allow our people to be that
exposed.

John Fox