NEW YORK OFFICE





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Mr. N. G. Belury
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RE: Asbestos Controls --
Occupational Safety and Health Regulations

Reference to S. Hillman's note to you of June 7, 1972 regarding the article in the Wall Street Journal of the same date.

Please be advised the proposed new regulations limiting concentrations of asbestos to two fibers per cubic centimeter of air starting July 1, 1976 will affect us at our Brakeblok operation in Winchester but there is nothing that we cannot overcome. Presently the law permits concentrations to five fibers per cubic centimeter of air and in a recent study we were within those limitations at 80% of the dust samples taken at Winchester and believe that by improved hooding, etc. all operations will come under the five fiber limitation.

At over half of the work stations sampled at Winchester we are within the two fiber limitation and again we feel by increasing air and improved hooding we can meet the new regulations.

Of course, as a last resort, we can be in immediate compliance by the use of respirators by the employees, however, we prefer not to do this since they present a morale problem in that they highlight the hazard and are uncomfortable to wear.

As you know, we have participated with the U. S. Public Health Service in a continuing survey of all employees at Winchester since 1965. Consequently, we have been working on effective control of asbestos dust since that date --- the new regulations simply have intensified our efforts.

Attached hereto is a copy of an article from the New York Times of June 13, 1972.

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