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B.C. Notes - IH RD Hofer memo "Replacement of Code 17" (Vanderbilt Talc) recommends that Code 17 use by Firestone be ended: "Code 17 is believed to be composed largely of Asbestiform tremolite and anthphyllite fibers, based on analysis from Firestone Chemical Laboratory, Traveler's Insurance Laboratory, and NIOSH Study of Vanderbilt's Products." Memo goes on to say that asbestos is carcinogenic & describes regulatory and media exposure from continued use as well as the availability of satisfactory replacements

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DATE JANUARY 12, 1978

FROM R. D. HOFER

REFERENCE

SUBJECT REPLACEMENT OF CODE 17

A decision must be made on the continued use of Code 17 in radial blemish paint AK-919. If Firestone continues to use this material, our office must initiate a testing program at all plants where it is in use.

The recommendation of this office is that Code 17 no longer be used in Firestone plants. This is based on the following:

1) Code 17 is believed to be composed largely of asbestiform tremolite and anthophyllite fibers, based on analysis from Firestone Chemical Laboratory, Traveler's Insurance Laboratory, and NIOSH Study of Vanderbuilt's Products.

2) Asbestos presents a health hazard in many ways, one of which is its known carcinogenicity.

3) Carcinogens and asbestos are high publicity items for the press.

4) The cost to comply with OSHA standards on asbestos and possible workmen's compensation cases will be very high.

5) Replacements do exist that are satisfactory for use as a blemish paint. Some plants have already removed Code 17 from use.

Please advise our office of your decision on this matter.

R. D. Hofer

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST

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