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To: C. R. Dewey, Miscellaneous Stores

From: D. E. Poland, Mechanical Training Building #656

TRANSITE MATERIAL

Transite material, pipe and sheet, is used on Chambers Works in various places. Questions have been raised recently concerning the continued use of this material since it contains a high percentage of asbestos fibers. There is a supply of transite sheet in Miscellaneous Stores stock for the repair of barricades throughout the Plant and you requested the Asbestos Compliance Committee, Mechanical Department, make a determination and recommendation for the disposition of this material.

Transite material, as well as other asbestos-bearing materials, do not present a problem as long as the asbestos fibers are contained in a binder. Therefore, there is no particular health hazard involved in routine handling of this material. Since it is a building material that is used as it comes from the vendor and does not normally require a protective coating, no special storage facilities are required. There is no suitable substitute for transite sheet available on the Plant at this time, but the Committee has several under consideration for evaluation.

The present supply that is on hand at Stores should be retained for future repairs. When a suitable substitute is available, then a determination regarding the remaining supply of transite sheet will be made.

By copy of this letter the Mechanical Department is advised that transite material is suitable for continued use with the following precautions being observed. Any cutting or drilling operation to be performed should be done while the material is being wetted in the cutting area. This is done to prevent dusting. The residue

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from the cut area and any pieces which could result in dust should be sealed in a plastic bag which is properly identified as asbestos material and sent to the Plant landfill.

The Mechanical Department will continue to seek asbestos free substitutes for this and other asbestos containing material.

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