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TO: D. T. Morgenthaler

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FROM: F. Eastwood

Dust Hazards in the Manufacture of PROFAX

C O N F I D E N T I A L

Reference your memo dated September 29th, we have now completely discontinued the use of R. M. 265 (blue asbestos). However, at inventory time (end September) we had 3,100 lbs. in stock, and we will dispose of this (FSB is trying to sell it back to Johns-Manville). Instructions have been issued to WDT and FSB that the use of blue asbestos will not be re-introduced for any reason.

I confirm that instructions issued by Foseco International, as we interpret them in regard to safety precautions in the mixing and cutting or sawing of PROFAX are being followed.

1. Silica is charged into pulpers, unopened in bags; therefore no need for dust extraction. Masks must be worn on pulping platforms when charging pulpers.

2. At cutting and sawing stations, dust collectors are installed, and masks must be worn by operators. Collected dust is discharged into drums and received for dumping by rubbish truck.

Note: In April 1965 we had a visit by DeWitt Huffman, Assistant Chief, Engineering and Hygiene, Division of Safety and Hygiene, Industrial Commission of Ohio. He took dust counts and observed our operations and while recommending some improvements in the bulk exothermics area, of PROFAX manufacture he reported:

"PROFAX boards, boards which fit on top of hot tops, are made from silica flour, old newspapers, and resins. These materials are put into a hydro-pulper and agitated with water until they are of the proper consistency. The silica flour comes in bags and the bags and all are thrown into the hydro-pulper's bed. It passes over a knife as it is thrown into the machine. A small amount of asbestos is also used in this product. There appears to be no occupational health hazards at this point because of the small amount of time the employee is exposed to the dry, raw materials."

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cc: F. S. Bilton
W. D. Todish - If you disagree with anything I've said, speak now or forever hold your peace.