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RE: PCBs IN SIDING - REYNOLDS LETTER TO EPA

Attached is a copy of the letter Reynolds sent to EPA regarding the siding issue. I just got it last week from Jim Brown of Reynolds with a note saying sorry for the delay in sending a copy.

Neither we nor Reynolds has had a response yet.



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REYNOLDS METALS COMPANY

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17 November 1992

Linda Fisher
Assistant Administrator
Prevention, Pesticides & Toxic Substances
Mail Code: TS788
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency
401 M. Street, S. W.
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Ms. Fisher:

As the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency is aware, certain varieties of coated metal siding and roofing material (commonly called "RPM" siding or "Galbestos"), previously manufactured by H. H. Robertson Company and other related companies, may contain polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCB's") and asbestos. From discussions with former H. H. Robertson personnel, we have learned that the material was used extensively by the U. S. government and others for an extended period of time perhaps as long as 50 years.

We are aware that this type of material exists at several Reynolds plants much like it exists at a number of other locations owned by the government or others. In fact, this material was in-place at several Reynolds locations at the time they were purchased from the government after World War II.

Reynolds believes the material does not pose any significant threat to human health or the environment in its normal use. Additionally, we believe that our use of this material, as described above, is allowed under TSCA and existing regulations. Should it be necessary to remove and/or dispose of any of this material, it will be managed in a manner consistent with applicable removal and/or disposal regulations.

We have written this letter to ensure that the Agency is aware of the existence of this material at various Reynolds locations and request that EPA provide us with any information it possesses regarding this material. Reynolds stands ready to share its knowledge of this material and to cooperatively assist the Agency in any future investigation.

Sincerely,

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Director, Corporate Environmental
Control Department

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