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TO ~~J. C. HALLBERG, SAFETY SUPERINTENDENT~~

AT ~~CASPER RIVER WORKS~~

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CROCIDOLITE ASBESTOS

According to K. E. Keuper, Construction Division Safety Superintendent, the engineering standards and specifications have been reviewed and it has been determined that all brands of asbestos listed in the engineering standards and specifications do not contain crocidolite fibers. J. K. Allen, Engineering Department 23B, has coordinated this review made by the Engineering Department and the Purchasing Department. They have found that most of the manufacturers are able to provide information showing the fiber type and percentage. This study also revealed that the North American Asbestos Corporation used a considerable amount of crocidolite fibers in many of their products.

The respiratory protection specified by K. E. Keuper in his memorandum on dust control dated April 5, 1966, is capable of filtering out particles down to a size of three microns. The specified respiratory is a modeled Dustfree 77 with filter No. EM 21 B-97 manufactured by the Mine Safety Appliance Company.

The Construction Division plans to initiate the monitoring of dust at 21 construction sites within the next month. These sites will include Beaumont, Visteria, and Houston. In the event anyone wishes to observe sampling at Beaumont, Mr. Keuper would appreciate being contacted prior to the visitation as personnel at the site have been trained only in sampling and do not have a good background to discuss the program.

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