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SUBJECT: REPAIR GUIDELINES FOR ASBESTOS CEMENT SEWER PIPE

Dear Tad,

Referring to your letter dated July 9, 1981 to Frank Duffy under the above subject, I'd like to give some background to the Repair Guidelines prepared by the New Jersey Contractors Association.

When contractors were installing, testing, and repairing sewer lines in New Jersey, there were apparently a number of inspectors at jobsites from government agencies (DEP, EPA, Etc.) and the consulting engineers. If a sewer line did not pass the test requirements, there was disagreement between the inspectors and contractors on how a repair could be made. The contractors wanted to make most repairs by chemical grout rather than dig up and replace the pipe or couplings because if there were many repairs to be made the grouting would be cheaper.

We, as pipe manufacturers, took the position that we could not recommend the use of chemical grout to make a repair because we were not familiar enough with the process to make a recommendation. We could only point out the type of failures that would affect the structural integrity of the pipe.

Concerning adding repair information to the ASTM Installation Standard for Asbestos Cement Sewer Pipe, I suggest that pages 1 to 10 only of the N.J. Contractors Guide be added to the Standard and any reference to chemical grout be deleted.

Yours truly,

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