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TO: Messrs. W. S. Simpson
R. M. Gordon

DATE: July 14, 1975

SUBJECT: The Hazards of Asbestos for Brake Mechanics

Please note the attached article that appeared in the May/June issue of PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS. The second page of the article contains a reprint of a booklet titled "Brake Repair Work Can Be Hazardous to Your Health."

This report, and others which have appeared recently, emphasize the need for responsible action on our part. Early this year, bulletins were sent to Grey-Rock and Raybestos distributors describing proper brake service procedures. However, I doubt very much that this information has gotten down to the mechanic level.

I suggest a small card containing abbreviated instructions be placed in every box containing automotive, bus, truck, and industrial brake linings. Tags could be used for roll lining. The following text is recommended:

I M P O R T A N T

- AVOID EXPOSURE TO ASBESTOS DUST.
- DO NOT USE AIR HOSE WHEN PERFORMING BRAKE SERVICE WORK OR FOR CLEANING WORK AREA.
- USE VACUUM CLEANING OR WET CLEANING METHODS SUCH AS DAMP CLOTH OR OIL TREATED BRUSHES.
- DO NOT GRIND OR OTHERWISE MACHINE BRAKE LINING MATERIAL WITHOUT ADEQUATE DUST EXHAUST AND COLLECTION EQUIPMENT.

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