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Gentlemen:

In my continuing effort to keep you up-to-date on the EPA activities, I am reporting to you that the EPA Steering Committee met again last Tuesday. Had their proposed Standard been accepted, the continued use of MK-3 would have ended in mid-August. The Standard, however, was not accepted and will require additional rewriting.

The affect of the proposed regulations would have been the prohibition of MK-3. Although there will be a rewrite, it is extremely likely that the prohibition of products like MK-3 will remain. The effective date for the changeover from MK-3, while delayed, appears to be eminent. Our best estimate is mid-to-late September.

As soon as a date becomes more firm, I will let you know. For those of you making MK-3, keep a good inventory position (asbestos and MK-3 bags) until at least mid-September and make plans for the changeover.

Tom

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