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FROM (NAME & LOCATION) John E. Fox - Texas City, Texas

Safety

DATE May 14, 1973

SUBJECT Asbestos Air Sampling

REFERENCE

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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT
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TO : N. F. Wood

Air sample monitoring for asbestos dust in the breathing zone of our insulator employees has been carried out over the last six months. At no time has the monitoring indicated an exposure that exceeded the eight hour time-weighted average or the short-term ceiling concentration as set by OSHA. Out of twenty short-term (15 minute) ceiling samples, only two exceeded the limit established for the eight hour/day average.

Our interpretation of the OSHA regulations is that special clothing, change rooms, extra clothes lockers and respirators are not required. It should be noted that clothing, as provided under the new contract, is not a safety requirement of OSHA or any other regulatory body that we are aware of.

We understand that all asbestos has been removed from stock and that no more will be purchased. This leaves tear-out work as the only probable future exposure to asbestos. Although our air samples were within the present safe limits established by OSHA, we recommend that for added employee protection, we maintain the present Plant rule that respirators be required for major tear-out work involving asbestos.

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