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FOSECO, INC.

INTER-COMPANY AND INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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FROM: G. H. FitzGerald - Quality Control - SMPD

DATE: June 8, 1973

SUBJECT: Investigation of Initiation Efforts of Wollastonite

On Thursday, 6/7/73, this writer participated in a three-way telephone conversation with F. Bilton and Loren Choate, General Manager, Interpace Corporation (supplier of Wollastonite).

The purposes of this conversation were:

1. Determine what dermatitis problems Interpace had encountered from the handling and use of Wollastonite.
2. What corrective measures can be taken to prevent such problems.
3. Is this material on the OSHA list of hazardous materials?

The conversation yielded the following statements by L. Choate:

1. Dermatological reactions seem to vary with the individual involved, ranging from total insensitivity to a mild rash occurring at collars and belt lines.

2. In nearly every case of sensitivity except those involving extremely fair skinned persons, a natural desensitization seemed to occur within several days.

3. The most persistent cases of sensitivity can be thoroughly combatted using "Kerodex"* barrier cream.

4. Not one employee at their facility has had to terminate employment or job assignment for dermatological reasons associated with the use of Wollastonite.

5. There is a safety bulletin concerning the use of this material published by Interpace which is forthcoming.

6. In this bulletin, permissible levels of airborne Wollastonite are detailed.

*Registered

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Conclusion:

This writer became involved in this investigation because of a request by the Asbestos-Free Task Force. Considering the gravity of the situation, the writer requests that this matter be turned over to R. Porter for further investigation.

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