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To: All Employees - Akron, New York Plant
From: J. D. Rauch - Plant Manager

June 21, 1973

OSHA REGULATIONS
Regarding Asbestos

Asbestos Respirator Program

WE HAVE VERY RECENTLY RECEIVED OSHA CITATIONS REGARDING USE OF APPROVED RESPIRATORS. CITATION NUMBER 2 WAS BECAUSE OF "FAILURE OF EMPLOYER TO PROVIDE AND FOR EMPLOYEES TO USE, U.S. BUREAU OF MINES APPROVED RESPIRATORS TO PREVENT INHALATION OF AIRBORNE ASBESTOS DUST FIBERS (WITHIN THE DRY MIXING AND PACKOUT AREA)."

AS YOU KNOW, WHEN OSHA MADE THE INSPECTION IN EARLY FEBRUARY 1973, THEY FOUND THAT APPROVED RESPIRATORS WERE AVAILABLE BUT NOT ALL EMPLOYEES WERE USING THEM. AS A RESULT WE HAVE THE CITATION AS POSTED IN THE JOINT SYSTEM DEPARTMENT. CITATION NUMBER 3 WAS BECAUSE OF "FAILURE OF EMPLOYER TO ESTABLISH A RESPIRATOR PROGRAM THROUGHOUT THE DRY MIXING AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICAN NATIONAL STANDARD PRACTICE FOR RESPIRATORY PROTECTION Z88.2-1969, FOR EMPLOYEES WHO ARE EXPOSED TO ASBESTOS DUST CONCENTRATIONS." THIS CITATION IS ALSO POSTED IN THE JOINT SYSTEM DEPARTMENT. IN ORDER TO ABATE THESE TWO CITATIONS AND PREVENT FURTHER IMPOSED FINES WE HEREBY GO ON RECORD WITH OUR EMPLOYEES AND OSHA AS STATING THAT AS OF MONDAY, JUNE 25, 1973, ALL EMPLOYEES WORKING IN THE EFFECTED AREAS MUST WEAR APPROVED RESPIRATORS AT ALL TIMES WHILE EXPOSED TO THE EXCESSIVE ASBESTOS DUST CONCENTRATIONS. APPROVED RESPIRATORS ARE, AS IN THE PAST, AVAILABLE THROUGH YOUR DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR OR THE PLANT SAFETY SUPERVISOR.

ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS NEWLY ESTABLISHED ASBESTOS RESPIRATOR PROGRAM SHOULD BE REFERED TO YOUR DEPARTMENT SUPERVISOR OR THE PLANT SAFETY SUPERVISOR.

J. D. RAUCH
PLANT MANAGER

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INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

DATE: June 21, 1973

TO: Mr. E. B. Hollingsworth

LOCATION: Wilmington

FROM: J. D. Rauch

LOCATION: Akron

SUBJECT: OSHA INSPECTION - AKRON, N.Y. PLANT

cc: Mr. H. W. Peele - Wilm.
Mr. R. Schifferle - Akron

Regarding my memo of 6-18-73, this subject, we wish to advise the following violation may be considered abated.

Serious violation - Citation Number 2
"Failure of the Employer to provide, and for employees to use, U. S. Bureau of Mines Approved respirators ....."

On June 19, 1973 we posted a notice to all Employees that approved respirators are available and must be worn at all times when in the asbestos exposure areas outlined by OSHA.

Serious violation - Citation Number 3
"Failure of Employer to establish a respirator program throughout the dry mixing area ....."

Abated by above mentioned notice, copy attached.

Other violations - Citation Number 3
"Failure of the employer to establish a personal monitoring program at intervals not greater than 6 months ....."

Two such tests were conducted for an 8 hour period on June 18, 1973 by a qualified tester with approved instruments. These test filters are being checked at this time by the Buffalo Testing Laboratories. We have scheduled regular monitoring tests in the future as required by OSHA.

Other violations - Citation Number 4
"Failure of employer to post caution signs at all approaches to the Joint Compound mixing and pack out areas ....."

Approved signs were posted on 6-18-73 as required.

At this time we feel that these are the only citations we can take care of without further instructions.

J. D. R.

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