

Dear Sir:

Transmission and Chassis Division

Re: Mr. J. A. Detti

June 5, 1980

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Subject: Carcinogens in the Work Place

Reference: Your note, same subject, dated May 28, 1980.

We are in compliance with the current Company policies concerning carcinogens. However, the Task Force on Carcinogens in the Work Place established by the Engineering and Research and Manufacturing and Supply Subcommittees may develop new guidelines at sometime in the future. They will identify carcinogens and quantities in use, set targets for elimination ahead of schedule, take steps to find substitutes, develop a directive and work plan, and organize to identify substances systematically (May 2, 1980 Task Force Report). We will develop implementation plans based on their findings.

Since the May 2, 1980 report, we have conducted an Asbestos Non-Production Materials Utilization Survey and have sent the data to the Manufacturing Engineering and Systems Office to be reviewed with Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology and Employee Health Services.

In addition to the identification of carcinogenic substances within our operations, a Task Force or future Hazardous Substances Control Committee is needed to develop a standard procedure for responding to instances such as the GM hood-maker or the Sterling Lung Cancer Investigation by NIOSH. This would ensure proper investigative focus and reporting. Consideration must also be given to manpower and investment costs for implementing the action plans for the removal of carcinogens in the work place.

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