GENERALIZED WORKPLAN

The foregoing strategy, even though having been tested only for asbestos, chromium compounds and benzene, are judged to be appropriate in concept for other carcinogens with timing adjusted to adapt to the realities associated with elimination.

A generalized workplan has been prepared on the basis of the evaluation of the substances referred to above. The workplan requires central program management, with action implementation by NAAO/DPO Product Engineering Offices, Purchasing activities, Vehicle activities, Manufacturing activities, and the Manufacturing and Supply Staffs. The workplan timing requires one year to define the uses of a potentially carcinogenic substance with elimination requiring two additional years for a substance having a known substitute with no major redesign required. For material substitutions requiring major redesign, the timing is consistent with new product phase V timing of 33 months for vehicle and 45 months for powertrain programs.

Four of the first five actions of the workplan (items 2 - 5) have been completed for asbestos, hexavalent chromium compounds, and benzene. The sixth and seventh actions have been initiated for production materials and are expected to be completed by the end of July (asbestos), August (chromium compounds) and September (benzene). Classifying the substances should be completed in the first quarter of 1981. (Fig. 20)

Completing the actions by these dates requires Corporate direction that the elimination/control of these substances in vehicle, component, plant renovation and new construction programs is a mandatory priority effort. Overall program management is essential to this effort.

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