Bell Laboratories

subject: 3M Disposable Respirators for Asbestos Case 48106-3

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Mr. L. Williams:

Per our discussion on the above referenced subject, the following 3M disposable respirators are NIOSH/MSHA approved for use with asbestos:

8710 Dust Respirator
9900 Toxic Dust Respirator
9910 Dust/Mist Respirator
9920 Dust/Fume/Mist Respirator

I am aware that you and many others view the labeling on respirators as an apparent contradiction because the respirators have one label stating their NIOSH/MSHA approval for specific agents as well as the following:

> "This respirator is NOT designed for use as protection against toxic dust, gases, vapors, mists or fumes..."

The latter caution applies to materials that may produce systemic effects, i.e. materials that affect the body generally and act through the body systems after absorption or ingestion. It is also provided to highlight the fact that the OSHA/MSHA approvals are for specific materials.

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