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Dr. W. P. Roe
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Dear Bill:

Thinking about the future prospects for the cement asbestos pipe industry, and CAPCO in particular, it is our feeling and the feeling within the industry that one of the things we will have to do is to coat the inside of the pipe in order to seal the fibres with the cement and prevent erosion, whereby fibres are loosened and enter the drinking water.

As you know, in certain waters where the ph factor is in balance there is a natural coating of mineral deposits that protects the pipe virtually forever. Our concern is where the ph is not precisely in balance and water actually attacks the pipe, however slight.

My reason for writing to you is to ascertain whether or not there may be some basic research conducted and on something along these lines that will help our company in the near future.

At your convenience in the not too distant future, I would like to discuss this problem with you or one of your associates.

With best regards.

Very truly yours,

Warren T. Whitley

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