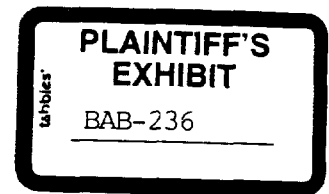


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Dr. R. B. Finch, CAE
Executive Director and Secretary
The American Society of Mechanical Engineers, Inc.
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Sub: Safe Substitutes for Asbestos Containing
Products used in Boiler Manufacturing
Industries.

Dear Dr. Finch:

At Wilmington Works, we are involved in the manufacture of steam generating equipment. We are looking for safe and satisfactory substitutes for asbestos containing products such as asbestos millboard, packings, ropes and gaskets.

Has ASME done any studies or plans to initiate some action in this area?
Your input will be very valuable to us.

Thank you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "K. Kochhar".

K. C. KOCHHAR,
Project Engineer

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April 17, 1979

Mr. K. C. Kochhar
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Dear Mr. Kochhar:

ABMA has not instituted a study for satisfactory substitutes for asbestos in boiler products. It has been discussed however, in the Product Safety Committee. Minutes of the last several meetings reviewing this subject are enclosed for your information. I hope this is helpful.

If you should want to suggest additional input to the Product Safety Committee please feel free to contact me. Your representative on this committee is Oscar Fisher from your Barberton office. You may wish to contact Mr. Fisher and ask him to provide for additional discussion in the committee.

Very truly,

W. H. Axtman
W. H. Axtman
Executive Director

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Enclosures