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RE: Westinghouse
Gallatin TVA Steam Plant
Gallatin, TN

We are in receipt of your May 1 correspondence concerning alleged hazards at our maintenance job site located at the TVA Gallatin, Steam Plant. We reviewed the two complaints and the following is our response.

The first item concerns exposure to airborne asbestos and the Westinghouse Power Generation Service Division Policy is to not work with asbestos. Most of our work is performed at customer sites and if asbestos materials are present we will identify and subcontract this work to one of three corporate approved asbestos abatement contractors. In some instances the customer will directly contract the asbestos abatement. On occasion we will remove a non friable asbestos gasket and the customer will properly dispose.

Some materials in our scope of work at the Gallatin Plant were unknown and samples were obtained and were to Clayton Environmental for verification. The ten insulation samples indicated NO asbestos. The one gasket material did verify that it contained asbestos. Eight samples were taken from Unit #3 compressors, an atomizing air line and all samples contained asbestos. The work relating to these materials on Unit #3 was subcontracted by TVA. Enclosed find our correspondence and the laboratory response from Clayton Environmental Services.

In addition we experience two State of Tennessee Environmental inspections concerning alleged asbestos employee exposure at the TVA work site. Five samples were taken by the Tennessee Environmental inspector and no asbestos was present in these materials.



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The second employee complaint concerned M.S.D.S. sheets, hazardous chemical training, labeling and a written program. We have pre-job planning meetings prior to the start of our project jobs. Safety concerns are reviewed and a Project safety manual is presented to the Westinghouse site Manager. The safety manual outlines accident prevention responsibilities, various Westinghouse safety procedures including our Hazard Communications, Right-to-know Program. A copy of this manual is located at the Gallatin job site and Material Safety Data Sheets are available in the Westinghouse office trailer.

Westinghouse and TVA are extremely interested in accident and illness prevention and we will continue to take all practical steps to make our job a safe place to work.


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