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BC Notes: T. Georgiadis internal Industrial Hygiene Report on Decatur - Asbestos sheet "platens" insulating curing presses tend to break, exposing maintenance workers. Report calls for plant specs using available non-asbestos platens.

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FROM INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE

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REFERENCE

SUBJECT CURING PRESS INSULATION PLATENS

When I was in the Decatur plant last week, I saw the insulation platens used in the curing presses. There were two types of platens in Decatur. The Transite platens and the common type of asbestos material which are more friable than Transite. The latter type was larger and thicker than the Transite platens.

The Decatur plant numbers for the asbestos platens are 142-2770 (NRM part #V53353-01) for the top platen and 142-2780 (NRM part #2-V53352-R2) for the bottom platen. I am not sure if the NRM part numbers are entirely correct.

As you know, the use of asbestos insulation platens presents potential problems to the plants. Because they are friable, they tend to break in small pieces and produce debris which may expose maintenance personnel removing old platens to asbestos fibers. Also, the plants have the additional tasks of compliance with OSHA regulations on asbestos and EPA regulations on disposal of asbestos waste.

Since there are platens without asbestos now available from both NRM and McNeil, is it possible that you issue a specification to the plants for the use of these materials instead of asbestos?

I know that these asbestos substitute materials are available after discussions I had recently with the Nashville plant safety engineer and E. K. Roose of Plant Engineering.

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