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April 13, 1977

Dear Round Robin Participant:

Thank you for your prompt response to the recent CTFA Task Force on the round robin analyses of ~~consumer~~ talc products (1976 production) for asbestiform amphibole minerals. I have received and completed a comparative work-up of data from all participating laboratories with the exception of Mount Sinai. Personnel at the Mount Sinai Environmental Sciences Laboratory now inform me that they are currently involved with another project which precludes their participation in our round robin at this time. Hopefully, they will perform these analyses at a later date.

Inter-laboratory comparison of our Task Force data indicates ~~some lack of~~ ^{serious inconsistency} consistency in the results; i.e., three (3) of ~~our~~ ^{the commercial} products have each been shown by two or three of the laboratories to have failed CTFA Method J4-1, Parts I and II (asbestiform amphibole detected at a level $\geq 0.5\%$). The sample code, which is still in my possession, has been released to no one.

In view of ~~these results~~ ^{these indications}, you are urged to attend (we need your input) a meeting of this Task Force so that we might consider alternatives for further action and discuss ^{whether there are} apparent procedural problems with our methodology;

Under the name of the Task Force, we should be able to get the results of the analysis of the sample code. It is suggested that the results of the analysis be used for the purpose of the analysis.

DATE: May , 1977
TIME: a.m.
PLACE: CTFA Headquarters
1133 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Because of the importance of this meeting, please contact me (201/524-5518) if you or an alternate representative from your company cannot be present.

Your continued support is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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