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Composition Brake Shoes -
Chemical Content

Dear Mr. Cook:

A recent fire in our old Yonge Street subway involved combustion of material lodged in asbestos fibre insulation material which had been installed as a noise suppression expedient.

For some reason, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment decided to chemically analyze a sample of the combustible material. We have now been advised that some quantity of the chemical family known as polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) was turned up by the analysis. PCB's are now very much "in the spotlight" environmentally and we are therefore trying to determine the origin of those found in the insulation.

Since a major constituent of the material collected in the insulation is bound to be dust from brake shoes, and since your shoes are involved, we ask if your formulation now or at any time includes or included PCB's. If PCB's have been or are included, would you please give us as much information as possible? Presumably we would wish to know the exact type of PCB used if there be different types available, the quantity per shoe by weight used and the period of time in which shoes containing PCB's were supplied to the Commission.

We will look forward to a response at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly

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