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A/C Pipe
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TO

FROM J. F. Welch, Vice President

DATE April 21, 1982

SUBJECT EPA - Regulations of Interest to the A/C Pipe Industry

REF: (1) JFW correspondence, same title, January 20, 1982
(2) JFW correspondence, same title, November 16, 1981

ACTION REQUIRED: Review for information

On April 12, 1982, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published its semi-annual Regulatory Agenda. The Agenda summarizes existing and new regulations that EPA is reviewing, revising or developing. This is an adjunct to the Calendar of Federal Regulations published by the Regulatory Information Service Center.

The enclosures summarize regulations of relevance or interest to the A/C pipe industry. It is noteworthy that the Agency's description of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) proceedings on Rules Restricting the Commercial and Industrial Uses of Asbestos Fibers (page 15708) is changed from the previous Regulatory Agenda. Instead of "investigating regulation", as previously stated, the current Agenda states EPA "is evaluating the need for regulation." The new description also says "EPA will coordinate the implementation of this regulation with other federal agencies." The Notice of Proposed Rulemaking timetable still remains "undetermined." The Agenda also reports that a final rulemaking on the TSCA Section 8(a) Asbestos Use and Substitutes Reporting Requirements will be issued in June, 1982.

Under the Clean Air Act, the timetable for reinstating the design, equipment, work practice and occupational standards for asbestos under the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPS) was changed from December, 1982 to April, 1983. Also, the so-called "airborne carcinogens policy" was deleted from the previous Agenda and is under interagency task force review.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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