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Transite Siding with Attached Memo on Consequent Asbestos Release



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FROM: L. F. PERCIVAL
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DETERIORATION OF TRANSITE SIDING

Re: Attached

Several plants have noticed a deterioration (mainly on the weather exposed surfaces) of Transite siding, such that ground samples taken in the immediate area contain significant amounts of asbestos fibers released from the Transite.

Please inspect any Transite siding at your site. Please call me for further information if there appear to be any problems.

The vendor also warns that this material becomes very brittle with age and cautions against walking on Transite roofs or the like as it could suddenly break.

Attached is a brief summary of Engineering Department activities in this area.

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Attachment

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TO: G. A. CHRISTIAN (3)

FROM: R. S. PEASE *MP*

CURRENT INTEREST ITEM

Transite Deterioration - Asbestos Release

Transite has been used as a roofing and siding material in many manufacturing and warehouse buildings. It has been found, on inspection, that some transite has deteriorated, thus generating potential sources of environmental contamination from asbestos and other fibrous materials.

Analytical results of bulk samples obtained from a site during a survey indicated that chrysotile asbestos content varied between 5 and 60%. Based on these results, as well as EPA Guidelines for school buildings, Dena Meyer recommended that attempts be made to encapsulate the damaged transite with an aluminum mastic coating, Lucite® paint system or be replaced.

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