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DEAR GEORGE:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE CALL REGARDING YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON THE CALIFORNIA STATE ASBESTOS REVIEW COMMITTEE.

ATTACHED IS OUR SUMMATION DOCUMENT TO OSHA IN ANSWER TO THEIR PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE FEDERAL ASBESTOS REGULATIONS. YOU WILL NOTE THERE IS QUITE A SECTION REGARDING SPUTUM CYTOLOGY. TO SUM IT UP, WE CAN SAY THAT WE ARE OPPOSED TO CYTOLOGY WHEN USED AS A ROUTINE SCREENING TOOL. HOWEVER, IN THE INTEREST OF FURTHERING RESEARCH, WE HAVE EMBARKED UPON A SPUTUM CYTOLOGY PROGRAM AT OUR ASBESTOS-USING LOCATIONS. AFTER SEVERAL YEARS OF THIS IN-HOUSE PROGRAM, WE SHOULD HAVE CONSIDERABLY MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THIS PROCEDURE AND ITS USEFULNESS IN SCREENING PROGRAMS.

THIS DOCUMENT ALSO CONTAINS OUR ARGUMENTS OPPOSING THE PROPOSED FEDERAL STANDARD OF 0.5 F/CC. I HOPE YOU FIND THIS USEFUL IN YOUR COMMITTEE DELIBERATIONS. INCIDENTALLY, SEVERAL WEEKS AGO I DISCUSSED THESE TWO POINTS WITH DR. CLARK COOPER, AND I ALSO FURNISHED HIM WITH A COPY OF THE DOCUMENT.

GETTING DOWN TO THE NUMBERS OF EMPLOYEES AT OUR ASBESTOS-USING LOCATIONS, I CAN GIVE AN ESTIMATE, AND THIS IS ONLY AN ESTIMATE. IN OUR CALIFORNIA PLANTS, WE CURRENTLY HAVE ABOUT 670 PEOPLE HANDLING ASBESTOS.

AFTER DISCUSSING THE POSSIBILITY OF FURNISHING ESTIMATES OF OUR CUSTOMERS' EMPLOYEES WHO MAY BE INVOLVED WITH ASBESTOS HANDLING, JIM REIS AND I CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH INFORMATION TO SUPPLY THESE FIGURES WITH ANY DEGREE OF ACCURACY. UNDER SEPARATE COVER, JIM IS FURNISHING YOU WITH A CUSTOMER LISTING. FROM THIS YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE A ROUGH ESTIMATE.

PLEASE KEEP ME POSTED ON YOUR ACTIVITIES WITH THE CALIFORNIA STATE COMMITTEE, AND WE WILL DO THE SAME REGARDING OUR ACTIVITIES WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

BEST REGARDS,

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