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August 16, 1982

Mr. R. D. Randolph
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Ronald L. Wissink
Oshkosh

cc: P. Bonubello
JOHNS-MANVILLE - RESPONSE TO ASBESTOS

I have enclosed a letter requesting our status of position to asbestos use. As a Corporation, I have not seen a position stated.

At plant, we, of course, do not control the parts, being special to use.

We have taken a position to maintenance-type items, such as roof and furnace repair. We stipulate the use of fiberglass on roofs and demand asbestos out of products used in furnace restoration.

It may be our Corporation is addressing this as an overall issue. I do not feel I can as a plant, unless you feel differently.


Ronald L. Wissink

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Johns-Manville Corporation

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John A. McKinney
Chairman of the Board and
Chief Executive Officer

Mr. Ronald L. Wissink
Rockwell International Inc.
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Dear Mr. Wissink:

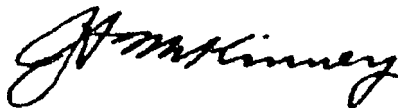
General Motors is a large user of asbestos fibre and asbestos-containing products. In addition to millions of sets of brake linings and clutch facings, asbestos is used in gaskets, sound deadeners, adhesives and electrical components in GM vehicles. Also, they use many construction products such as asbestos-cement pipe and sheets, rolled roofing and floor tile for their plants.

General Motors has a long-standing commitment to protect the health and well-being of its employees, the general public and the environment. We applaud that commitment, and the conscientious manner with which it is applied.

General Motors' policy toward asbestos was presented in a paper by T. O. Mathues, Vice President Manufacturing Staff, to the AIA Government Industry Conference. It is attached for your review.

We believe it is in the best interest of society that industry take responsible positions similar to that of General Motors on issues such as this, where emotionalism has tended to skew rational direction. If your company has taken a position similar to General Motors regarding asbestos, or plans to, we would appreciate hearing from you.

Very truly yours,



A Subsidiary of Manville Corporation

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Letter



Rockwell International

September 10, 1982

No.

TO: R. D. Randolph

FROM: R. M. Hays

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SUBJECT: Response to Johns-Manville - Rockwell Asbestos Policy

cc: G. J. Flannery
D. Helfrich
W. Long

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R. L. WISSINK

Neither Rockwell automotive or Pittsburgh Corporate have developed formal policy positions regarding the use of asbestos products either in our facilities or in our products (brake lining). We would suggest no response to the J-M letter or a response indicating Rockwell does not have a formal policy position.

As background information on this subject, Government Relations is monitoring regulatory efforts to change the Federal OSHA Standards concerning asbestos from a maximum exposure level of 2 fiber per cc to a .5 fiber level. In Canada and in Germany the regulatory exposure level maximum has recently been changed from 2 fiber to 1 fiber.

Although a reduction to .5 fiber level would not necessarily inhibit Rockwell's use of asbestos brake lining in our manufacturing process it could very well eliminate the production of asbestos linings by the primary manufacturers. As a result, our brake engineering along with our lining suppliers are investigating alternate materials.

In addition, recently introduced Federal legislation, H.R.5735, would attempt to federalize the compensation of individuals who are disabled as a result of occupational exposure to asbestos. The legislation is very liberal in its interpretation of cause of lung disorders and certain forms of lung cancer would be irrebuttably presumed to have resulted from exposure to asbestos.

The use of asbestos products in our facilities either in maintenance or manufacturing equipment is, as Ron Wissink indicates, a plant decision in conjunction with Bill Long or Dan Helfrich.

R.
R. M. Hays

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