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Attn: Mr. William J. Meier, Contract Administrator

RE: Electrostatic Precipitator
Alcoa P. O. No. EN-232033-BR
Environmental Elements S.O. 370775

Ref: Installation of Asbestos Gasket

Dear Mr. Meier:

Thank you for your letter dated 28 January 1976 wherein you transmit Mr. Schell's letter to OSHA and their response.

There is still one area of concern regarding the use of asbestos rope for gasketing material in this application. It is our understanding that the rope will be shipped in coil form. At the jobsite, the asbestos rope must be uncoiled, cut, and handled until such time as it is dipped into the red lead paint. Once the material has been dipped in the paint, all asbestos fibers should be securely bound and the material should then be safe to handle for installation.

It is the preparation for painting which concerns us. How is it possible to uncoil, cut, and handle this asbestos rope without exposure to airborne concentrations of asbestos fibers?

In preparing your comments in this regard, please feel free to call us and discuss any questions which arise.

Very truly yours,

R. C. Cook
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