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MEMORANDUM

TO: ALL CONTRACTORS

FROM: JAMES F. RIEDY *JFR*
ENERGY CONSERVATION REPRESENTATIVE

DATE: JUNE 7, 1983

RE: SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

It has come to our attention that some contractor's workers in our BPA Weatherization Program are failing to use masks or respirators while working with possibly harmful materials that can cause dust and particle inhalation. Although we cannot require workers to protect their own health, we strongly urge all workers to use masks or respirators whenever they are in contact with any form of mineral wools (fiberglass, rockwool, etc.), or asbestos pipe wrap or skirting. Skirting on pre-fabs is often a hard board made of asbestos/cement.

Once any fibrous material is inhaled, it remains in the lungs permanently. Tender lung tissues become scarred and permanent damage can be done. Even though some types of fiberglass are less irritating than others, ALL forms are potentially harmful when inhaled.

Asbestos, which is commonly found as pipe wrap and skirting on government houses, is probably the most dangerous building material in existence. Asbestosis is a fatal disease that can be acquired from even short exposures to asbestos dust. Please, do not take any chances. Wear breathing protection whenever you are even close to anyone working with asbestos.

City of Richland auditors/inspectors always use American Optical Respirator number A/O 95190, safe line dust/mist when "on the job".

Director of Utility 201

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