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6. What medical or other scientific data is likely to be developed showing that, at very low levels, asbestos is not dangerous?
7. What is the profit contribution of vermiculite-containing products to Grace and what would be the impact of alternate Grace-produced materials?

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- (1) Products are safe, no measurable risk.
- (2) Risks to employees are low and acceptable.
- (3) Neither federal or state regulations are likely to prohibit being in the business.
- (4) Community Right To Know legislation has the potential to create adverse notariety or could otherwise adversely impact the economics of the business.
- (5) Possible, but unlikely, that we will develop technology that removes the remaining trace amounts of tremolite.
- (6) Labeling of products has benefits/adverse impacts
 - . reduces probability of punitive damages
 - . reduces risks related to future property damage
 - . may have some small favorable impact on personal injury litigation relative to future exposure
 - . has potential to adversely effect personal injury litigation relative to the past eleven years
 - . will clearly give competition further fuel
- (7) Don't believe that state of the art scientific/medical knowledge will prove over next ten years that low level exposures are safe. Therefore, prevailing opinion will continue to be to assume linear dose response and, therefore, some risk at low levels.
- (8) Insurance
 - . Increases attractiveness of setting business up as a subsidiary or in some other legal form to distance it from Grace assets.
 - . Absence of insurance argues for labeling relative to future exposure but may increase problems of past.

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