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Honorable Sayde E. Dunn
Secretary
Consumer Product Safety Commission
1111 Eighteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20217

Dear Ms. Dunn:

The Housewares and Audio Business Division of the General Electric Company understands that the Consumer Product Safety Commission has contracted for new tests of hand held hair dryers. We will co-operate with the CPSC and their testing agencies; we will make available the results of our testing to CPSC and their agencies, and we wish to have an opportunity to review the results of their testing.

We have been able to obtain, only within the past week, through our Washington Office, what we believe to be the testing procedure and conclusions of EMV Associates. It appears that no General Electric hand held hair dryer units were tested by EMV Associates.

Based on past Government Agency documents, and our own testing of General Electric hand held hair dryers, we do not believe our units present, or could present, a health hazard.

Despite favorable testing, however, because of the possible concern created among consumers by the recent publicity, we have decided to discontinue shipping hand held hair dryers containing asbestos insulation. Further, we have instructed our Product Service centers throughout the country to retrofit such General Electric asbestos insulated dryers brought in by concerned consumers with a non-asbestos insulator. Consumers may obtain further information by calling 800-241-9992.

Very truly yours,

Paul W. Van Orden
Vice President and General Manager
Housewares & Audio Business Division

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