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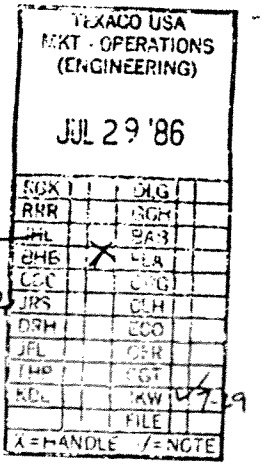
Please review the attached "A Recommended Guideline For Handling Asbestos" and provide your comments to this office by August 8, 1986. If your comments are not received by this date it will be assumed the document meets with your approval.

Should you have any questions please contact this office.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Asbestos, a fibrous mineral with excellent thermal insulating properties, was widely used industrially as an insulation and building material. Excessive inhalation overexposure to the fibers has resulted in several serious health effects including asbestosis, lung cancer and mesothelioma. For this reason, asbestos substitutes have been recommended and/or installed, wherever practical, during new construction or insulation replacement activities throughout Texaco's facilities. However, with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) ban on asbestos materials, asbestos substitutes are now required as a result of new construction or insulation replacement in the U.S. ~~While~~ It has been Texaco's practice to remove asbestos insulation and replace it with an appropriate substitute material, much asbestos packing and insulation remains at Texaco facilities. However, as a result of ~~of~~ insulation deterioration and maintenance operations, all employes should be aware that potentials for exposure to asbestos fibers still exist.

It is the intention of this guideline to provide pertinent information regarding asbestos to those Texaco personnel who are involved in asbestos handling operations,