



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUSINESS AND DEFENSE SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20230

February 3, 1969

Mr. D. A. Woodard
Acting Director
Marketing & Technical Services Division
Property Management & Disposal Services
General Services Administration
Washington, D.C. 20405

Dear Mr. Woodard:

Attached are two copies each of the survey letter, list of companies contacted and company replies regarding the updating of Purchase Specification P-3-R4, for Chrysotile and P-4-R5, for Amosite Asbestos.

We propose that after your staff has an opportunity to review these documents, we discuss the subject of asbestos handling and protective measures to be taken to insure safety precautions in stockpile handling and storage of the material.

Sincerely yours,

B. K. Slaughter

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Assistant Director
Office of Industrial Materials
Industrial Mobilization

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Brigadier General George A. Lincoln
 Director, Office of Emergency
 Preparedness
 Washington, D.C. 20504

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Dear General Lincoln:

Enclosed for your approval is a revision of the
 Strategic and Critical Materials Storage Manual
 concerning asbestos, giving more emphasis to
 "precautions to be taken" on health hazards under
 Paragraph 6a.

These changes have been coordinated with members
 of the Departments of the Interior, Commerce, and
 Defense.

Sincerely,

Walter C. Harland
 FOR JOHN G. HARLAN, JR.
 Commissioner

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② Such personnel shall wear a respiratory protective device in first class condition approved by the Bureau of Mines for asbestosis particles.

① Such personnel shall wear a respiratory protective device in first class condition which will provide at least the protection afforded by a dispersoid (dust, fume and mist) respirator approved under schedules 21, 21A and 21B of the Bureau of Mines for asbestosis particles. They shall also wear outer work clothes that will not be worn outside the area in which the work is being performed.

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Information for Health
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The matter of a proper respirator was taken up with Mr. Shoub of the U. S. Bureau of Mines, extension 5393. He said that the USBM had a continuing program testing and evaluating new and old respirators for any required application. He suggested that our manual should not carry any specific type of respirator for any given application but only the latest recommended by the Bureau at the time a need should arise, because recommendations are changing as new respirators are introduced and/or changing conditions such as variations in environment.

R. L. Richards

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