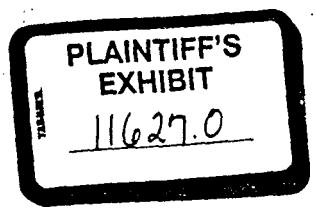
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No doubt you are aware of the petition filed with the Consumer Product Safety Commission on July 15, 1976 to ban/patching compounds (taping, spackling, and joint sealing) containing asbestos. Regardless of the outcome of this petition, it is likely that the public and the local profession will become more aware of the hazard and the result will be an increase in the number of asbestos claims.

What is our exposure relative to asbestos containing joint and patching compounds? A few years ago when we reviewed and changed the labels on these products there were both dry mix and paste types being sold. Has this situation changed? If it has not changed, is there a possibility that a safe substitute can be found for asbestos? The major problem is in the dust generated when the joints or patches are sanded after the compound has been applied and has dried.

Our liability insurer is very sensitive to our asbestos exposures and for this reason we would like to be updated on the status of joint and patching compounds which will probably receive a great deal of attention in the near future. Your help will be appreciated.

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