PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

CAP-1210

SOUTH DAKOTA Department of
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Dear Mr. Savage:

Department personnel and I who attended your presentation on "A/C Pipe and Health" on July 24 found it very informative, and we appreciated your time and efforts.

Regarding our policy on approval of asbestos-cement pipe, the State of South Dakota will continue to follow the American Water Works recommendations outlined in "AWWA Standard for Asbestos-Cement Distribution Pipe for Water and Other Liquids" (AWWA C400-77). Present evidence does not indicate that asbestos from A/C pipe contributes to adverse health effects in humans. Should such evidence surface, I am certain that the AWWA, whose research and analytical capabilities surpass ours, will recommend adequate changes in standards to protect the health of those exposed to A/C pipe.

In summary, the South Dakota Department of Water and Natural Resources will continue to follow AWWA recommendations for use of asbestos-cement pipe for distribution of potable water.

Sincerely,

Mark E. Steichen

Mark E. Steichen, Administrator
Office of Water Hygiene

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