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USM-264

May 31, 1967

Mr. James P. Verhalen
United States Mineral
Products Company
Stanhope, New Jersey 07874

Dear Jim:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter of May 25, 1967 from the CPLIA referring to the performance of asbestos fiber materials under exposure to water, which we discussed on the telephone today.

Sincerely yours,

John Boyer

JB:tdm
Enclosure
cc: Board of Directors

6/6 - Harry Wilson writing —
ask for more info
reply by 6/14

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May 25, 1967

Mr. J. P. Verhalen, President
Sprayed Mineral Fiber
Manufacturers Association Inc.
Suite 2300, One Wall St.
New York, N. Y. 10005

Gentlemen:

The Department of Engineers and Inspection of the City of Detroit are very concerned with cycle of water saturation and drying of asbestos fiber materials.

Two jobs failed where this material was exposed to constant wetting and drying. One a parking deck that had been fire-proofed with asbestos fiber, the other a meat packing area where water is used to clean up after operations.

They are concerned to a point that they want to ban the use of this material unless given some specifics.

We know from experience that certainly some exposure to dampness, rain, etc., has not in anyway caused failure but it would appear that constant exposure to water will destroy the binder.

We will appreciate your comments and recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Goodson
President

WJG:cp

cc: Gene Erwin
Donald Davies