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R. W. Grigg
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Dear Ralph:

Thank you for your letter of December 27 concerning the growing amount of data that asbestos may be a health hazard in your manufacturing operations and in the use of some of your products.

I have forwarded your letter to our mines at East Broughton, Quebec for their advice and comment on the questions you have put forth.

In the meantime, I am enclosing a copy of the Emergency Protective Standards on asbestos issued by the Department of Labor under authority granted it by the Occupational Safety and Health Act. This emergency standard will be replaced by a permanent standard within six months.

Also, I am enclosing a copy of the proposed National Emission Standard on asbestos from the Environmental Protective Agency, plus the proposed membrane filter method for the determination of atmospheric concentration of asbestos fibers.

There will be a number of hearings held before these proposals are enacted into law. In some instances the wording is such that to follow through as stated would literally put us back into the "Stone Age" overnight.

In almost all instances it seems that the people who are the most verbose or authors of voluminous proposals on environmental problems have little or no practical knowledge.

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The Quebec Asbestos Industry is actually spending tens of millions of dollars on expansion programs to accommodate the demand through the decade of the '70's ..... I feel confident that sanity will prevail in the long run.

We'll get back to you again after I have received word from our mines.

.....Wishing you a happy, healthy, and properous New Year. I remain,

Sincerely,

Harold F. X. Plate
Sales Manager

Enclosures

cc: Mr. M. Verbeet - E. S. Browning Co.
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