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Dear Mr. Giesler:

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If it becomes imperative to have individuals capable of on-spot analysis for asbestos, we feel there are better approaches than the K² test kit suggested by the OSHA compliance officer.

If we can be of any assistance in this matter, please let us know.

Sincerely,

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