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The following information is provided in response to your November 9, 1979 request for comments on the restriction of the use of asbestos by government agencies.

The restriction of asbestos use on consumer products would have negligible effect on Nuclear Service Division sales or performance of service. However, if EPA would choose the course of limiting the amount of asbestos available to the marketplace, this would be detrimental to the power generation business and to the Nuclear Service Division since essential power plant service and maintenance parts (e.g., flexitallic gaskets, valve packing) commonly utilize asbestos. Establishing and qualifying alternate materials would be time consuming and costly.

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