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Dear Mr. Sheahan:

This is in response to your inquiry of May 2, 1973, concerning the interpretation of the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (40 CFR 61) as they pertain to asbestos-containing spray-applied materials used for decorating purposes.

Subpart B of these regulations was designed to limit major sources of asbestos emissions. It is the opinion of this Agency that the spray-on application of decorative materials containing asbestos is not a major source of asbestos emissions; therefore, spray-on decorative materials were not included in the regulations. The regulations only apply to the spray-on application of insulating and fireproofing materials.

Please be advised, however, that the manufacture of spray-on asbestos materials for decoration is regulated under section 61.22(c)(7) of the regulations under the category of manufacturing of a coating.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Director of the Enforcement Division of the appropriate Regional Office of the Environmental Protection Agency. A list of the Regional Offices is included in 40 CFR 61.04.

Sincerely yours,

George V. Allen
Deputy Assistant Administrator
for General Enforcement

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