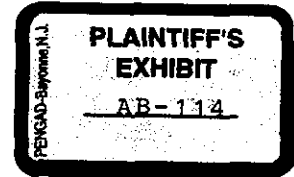


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RE: "Asbestos Write-Up"

Dear Charles:

Thank you for yours of the 13th on the above subject.

I think your talk should approach the subject on a general basis much as you've suggested in the 3rd paragraph of your May 13th letter. The information has to be low keyed but not misleading, informative but not alarming, reassuring but not disarming.

You can bring out the asbestos/smoking relationship even to the point of adding that it seems inappropriate to have cigarette vending machines in our plant.

There is certainly no harm and there may be value to relate asbestos exposure to other type workers such as brake installers, construction workers, etc.

You can speak to our hygiene efforts over the years pointing out our concern not only for asbestos but also lead. The latter program will be familiar to many of our people.

It's good that you are looking to the Johns-Manville slides and films, there will certainly be ideas in these for your talk.

Charles, you appreciate if and when such a presentation is asked of our group the time allotted will be limited. We call people in from their jobs --- the meetings are expensive and cover many subjects such as overall division performance, sales, scrap rate, productivity, etc. The meetings are held so that they can meet with all three shifts, consequently, at least a 12 hour span is involved.

I'll look forward to seeing the first draft of your talk.

Don

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