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Gentlemen:

On October 28, 1977, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) published in the Federal Register (FR 42:56799) a notice which requested information concerning the development of a criteria document and a recommended occupational health standard for Talc. Enclosed is a copy of the notice as it appeared in the Federal Register.

The Federal Register notice outlines the areas of information to be included in the criteria document. I would appreciate your consideration of all the listed areas, and in particular items numbered 1, 3, and 7, and your forwarding any information you have which will allow us to prepare a thorough document. This information can be in the form of published or unpublished studies conducted by your organization, or communications received from your workers or other organizations, or simply personal observations which you would like considered during the document development. Information in the document will not be limited to worker exposure during manufacture, but will include exposure during manufacture, use, and exposure caused by accidental emission into the workplace environment.

SRI International is assuming a major role in assisting us in the development of these criteria documents. As part of its project, SRI International is also required to conduct several plant visits to ascertain what constitutes good work practices. These plant visits are conducted in accordance with the regulations identified in 42 CFR Part 85a. Information gathered during such visits will be compiled in a report which will be sent to you for review of technical accuracy and inadvertent release of proprietary information. Information from the report may then be included in the criteria document. If your firm would be receptive to such an information-gathering visit, please make this known in your reply. The person at SRI International who has been given project responsibility for the Talc criteria document is Rabelan Baloyi. I would appreciate, as part of our common interests in occupational safety and health, your cooperation with SRI International in the fulfillment of its tasks.

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Please submit your comments relative to the enclosed request for information to NIOSH. Identifying your response with the Federal Register number and chemical substance will accelerate its processing. Please note that the 60 day submission deadline listed in the Federal Register notice does not apply to your response.

Sincerely yours,

Vernon E. Rose
Director
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Enclosure

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