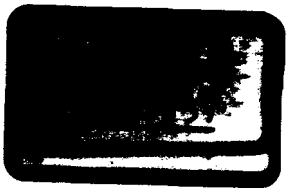
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To: GENERAL MANAGERS
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A standard for exposure to asbestos dust under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 becomes effective July 7, 1972.

The main subdivisions of the standard consists of: (a) definitions, (b) permissible exposure to airborne concentration of asbestos fibers, (c) methods of compliance, (d) personal protective equipment, (e) method of measurement, (f) monitoring, (g) caution signs and labels, (h) housekeeping, (i) recordkeeping, and (j) medical examinations.

The standard specifies that effective July 7, 1972 the 8-hour time weighted average of airborne concentrations of asbestos fibers to which any employe can be exposed shall not exceed five fibers per cubic centimeter of air. Effective July 1, 1976 the 8-hour time-weighted average will be reduced to two fibers per cubic centimeter of air. In addition, effective July 1972 no employe may be exposed at any time to concentrations exceeding 10 fibers per cubic centimeter of air.

Each GM location should survey their operations to determine if asbestos or asbestos products are used. Those locations using asbestos should institute procedures necessary to comply with the standard. Compliance may require significant modifications of past practices. Use of substitute materials or consolidation of asbestos operations may be advisable.

The full text of the standard will be printed in the BNA Occupational Safety and Health Reporter dated June 29, 1972 pps. 31:5303-5304. Each plant location receives this publication. Any questions relating to the standard should be directed to the GM Industrial Hygiene Department, Warren, Michigan or to Dr. S. D. Steiner, Medical Director.

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