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ATTENTION: Engineering Department

REFERENCE: Asbestos filled spiral wound gaskets

Gentlemen:

We at Flexitallic are aware of the concern for asbestos products expressed by various people and groups throughout the country.

It is the objective of this letter to point out some facts for you to review and evaluate.

The asbestos that we use is in the form of a thin paper which is tightly bound by a rubber binder, thus reducing the hazard of airborne asbestos particles. We have been monitored by OSHA, who has found our exposure limits to be within the acceptable level of 2 fibers longer than 5 microns per cc of air.

The Congressional Federal Register 29CFR Part 1910.1001 reads as follows:

"No danger label is required where asbestos fibers have been modified by a bonding agent, coating, binder, or other material so that during any reasonably foreseeable use, handling, storage, disposal, processing, or transportation, no airborne concentration of asbestos fiber in excess of the exposure limits prescribed."

Flexitallic employs several 30, 35, and 40 year people who are subjected to yearly chest x-rays and pulmonary test, with the results to date being all negative.

However, it must be stressed that OSHA and other people do consider asbestos to be a hazardous material. Therefore, you must form your own opinion and decide if you wish to continue using it in spiral wound gaskets.

Very truly yours,

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