

May 4, 1984

To: Health and Environmental Affairs Committee
Subject: Draft Response to OSHA Proposals on Occupational
Exposure to Asbestos

Our usual procedure for preparing responses to Government Agencies has been to outline a draft at a meeting, as we did on May 1. Then I usually prepare a draft for the Chairman to correct as he feels proper. This is to avoid trying to have Committee Members all re-write a draft that would take too long to reconcile. We usually operate under short time frames for comments, and in this case the comments are due by May 25, 1984.

Mr. Riopelle, Chairman, will be gone next week to South America and will not be able to review the draft comments until his return. We discussed this and it was decided to send all Committee Members a copy of this preliminary draft. I expect the single-spaced letter to take 4 or 5 pages.

This is to solicit input in two areas: (1) Is there something in the draft that is incorrect? (2) Do you now take strong disagreement with a position taken in the comments? If you have any input on these two items, please give me a call by Thursday, May 10 so that I can organize input for Mr. Riopelle.

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