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Mr. S. John Byington
Chairman
Consumer Product Safety Commission
1750 K Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Re: Petition of Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., and the Consumers Union of U.S.A., Inc., for the Promulgation of a Rule Declaring Certain Patching Compounds to be Banned Hazardous Substances

Dear Chairman Byington:

The Asbestos Information Association/North America, an incorporated, non-profit organization of firms and corporations engaged in the manufacture or processing of asbestos-containing products and in the mining and milling of asbestos fiber, desires to comment on the petition to the Commission submitted July 15, 1976 by the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. and the Consumers Union of U.S.A., Inc. The petitioners seek an order by the Commission to ban patching compounds containing asbestos by declaring such compounds to be hazardous products.

Comments contained in the attachment have been prepared following consultation with member companies of the Association and other expert sources of information.

We are pleased to have this opportunity to present our comments and to advise that, if desired, we are prepared to further address this matter with you or members of your staff.

We wish to inform you that Ms. Shacter of the Commission staff has been highly efficient and responsive to her public interest charge in the conduct of business with this Association. We commend to your attention her professionalism and pleasant demeanor.

Sincerely yours,

R. H. Mereness
Executive Director

Enclosure

PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT

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Response to Consumer Product Safety Commission
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