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To: Asbestos Study Committee

Subject: Asbestos from Brake Linings as a Water Pollutant

Enclosed is an article from the New York Times datelined July 3, 1973. In addition to alleging that the automobile is a major polluter of water, the first pollutant listed is asbestos from brake linings.

This may be the sequel to the brake lining (and clutch facing) asbestos emissions tests run by the Bendix Corporation for EPA where 85% of the asbestos emissions were dropped out or deposited on the ground.

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N.Y. TIMES, July 3, 1973

E.P.A. Study Calls Autos Chief Polluters of Water

WASHINGTON, July 3 (UPI)—
A study carried out for the Environmental Protection Agency concludes that cars are primary polluters of water.

Biospherics, Inc., of Rockville, Md., an independent research concern, said in a report issued yesterday by the E.P.A. that pollutants spread on roads by autos befoul rivers and streams almost as much as municipal sewage.

The pollutants include asbestos from brake linings, rubber from tires, zinc from oil and tires, lead from gasoline and nitrogen and phosphorus compounds. Rainstorms carry the pollutants into waterways.