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Mr. Maurice J. Connell
Commissioner
Defense Materials Service
General Services Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Connell:

This is in reference to the draft disposal plan, dated October 20, 1965, for approximately 15,170 short tons of amosite asbestos held in the National or Supplemental Stockpile.

On July 2, 1965, the Interdepartmental Disposal Subcommittee recommended to the Chairman of the Interdepartmental Disposal Committee that the excess amosite asbestos be disposed of over a period of about 10 years, with an initial starting rate of 2,000 short tons the first year. This recommendation was accepted by the IDC and in a letter dated July 30, 1965, the Director of the Office of Emergency Planning requested that the General Services Administration prepare a long-range disposal plan in keeping with this recommendation. The draft disposal plan which we received from GSA does not appear to be consistent with the recommendations of the IDC and the request from the OEP. The proposed first year offering of 5,000 short tons is too large compared with the estimated U. S. consumption of about 14,000 tons per year and it is possible that an initial offering of this magnitude may disrupt the U. S. market.

Inasmuch as the proposed disposal plan deviates from the recommendations of the IDC and the OEP, the Department of the Interior suggests that the draft plan be referred to the IDC for consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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for William E. S. Flory
Director

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