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Doug, back in November I asked all the Regional Managers to give us an insight into any problem areas they were aware of relative to possible asbestos contamination from packing. The response was an overwhelming silence. The only input we had was the initial concern of one of John Shea's customers.

However, I agree with you that we should not dismiss this subject lightly. I believe it would be in our best interest to look into reasonable alternatives to asbestos packing.

By copy of this to Bill McLean and George Hansen, we are requesting that they make some preliminary investigations as to alternative packings for the 465-1/2 and 461.

R. M. Boden

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