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To: Mr. R. Czubkowski

Subject: ASBESTOS IN MINING PRODUCTS

As far as I can determine, the only electrical component, in use at the present time, that contains any asbestos, is the 600 ampere d.c. contactor. This contactor uses arc chutes made from a "cold molded" melamine/asbestos material.

Because the arc chute is a molded product, the asbestos fibers are bound up in the unit by the thermo-setting resins. Therefore, the fibers are captured and are not released into the environment.

The arc chute is in a non mechanical application, so that wear particles are not a factor. I have no records or documentation of the use of asbestos prior to 1970, since all of my files begin at this time.

For older devices and files, you will have to refer this question to another department.

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