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ASBESTOS BASED MATERIAL FOR BEARING BRACKET SEALING

EAST PITTSBURGH WORKS - 6G27, Generator Service - R. F. Crouse

R & D - Industrial Hygiene - Mr. C. W. Bickerstaff

cc: San Francisco PGSD - H. C. Barnett

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Reference: C. G. Reusch's letter of March 8, 1979 addressed to
all PGSD Area and District Managers

Subject: Bearing Bracket Sealing (Tite Seal)

The subject letter was called to my attention by one of our District Managers concerned with the possibility of introducing asbestos materials into the work site atmosphere. Since the presence of asbestos requires very elaborate field procedures and protective measures, it is generally considered desirable to totally abstain from asbestos products of any kind.

If a technical problem exists and the asbestos product referred to in the subject letter is the only means of correcting the condition, I recommend that the Corporate Industrial Hygiene Laboratory be consulted for their guidance as to what steps must be taken when handling the material. Not only must we consider the application of the sealant to the joint, the field exposure when opening a unit possibly presents a greater exposure hazard. By providing Mr. Bickerstaff with the technical data for the subject material we can obtain his recommendation as to the desirability of using the subject material from a work hazard standpoint.

Should the condition of any generator within the Pacific Coast Area indicate a need for the use of the asbestos based Tite Seal, I would appreciate your advising me prior to shipment of the material. If this material already has been used within this area, I would appreciate your advising me of the particular units involved.



R. L. Bergquist

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