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TO: ALL RMFM EMPLOYEES

On April 27 Secretary Califano of the Department of Health, Education & Welfare issued a statement concerning shipyard workers' exposure to asbestos during World War II. At the time of the announcement, Secretary Califano directed the Department of HEW to establish a Public Awareness Program on Asbestos Exposure.

As a result of this Program, there will be considerable comment in the press and on radio and television concerning asbestos exposure in shipbuilding, construction and other industries.

It is important for you to understand that workers in shipyards and on construction sites were exposed to extremely high dust concentrations. In most instances dust control equipment and respiratory protection were not provided and work was frequently carried out in confined spaces which greatly increased the risk.

In contrast, in our manufacturing plants you are protected by extensive dust control systems, respiratory equipment and medical surveillance programs.

If you have concerns about asbestos exposure or medical surveillance, additional information may be obtained through your Supervisor from the Environmental Affairs or Medical Departments.

Plant Manager

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