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Subject: Identification of Production Materials and Components Containing Asbestos

The attached list identifies those Engineering Material Specifications to which an asbestos-containing material may be supplied to Ford or to our parts suppliers. This list was compiled by reviewing titles and technical content of specifications for friction materials, plastics, paper products, gaskets, sealers, and electrical insulation materials. The compilation was supplemented by review of the releasing system (NAEPIS) material/part number cross reference index, and the Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology Catalog of reviewed materials containing asbestos. Industry Standard (SAE and ASTM) specifications are also included.

The Task Force on Carcinogens in the Workplace requires a complete list of parts and bulk materials containing asbestos to create a program for systematically eliminating or accommodating this known carcinogen substance. Therefore, each PEO is requested to review the list for completeness and establish a list of parts and bulk materials of their design responsibility suspected of containing asbestos, as well as those known to contain asbestos (and distinguish between the two).

This list should be returned to Engineering Staff by April 10, 1980. E&RS will consolidate the lists and provide them, along with the approved material and material identifications, to Purchasing and Supply Staff for supplier contact to determine asbestos usage and prioritized actions to eliminate or accommodate.

The results will be reported at the May 27 meeting of the E&R and M&S Subcommittees.

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