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Michael H. Shapiro, Director
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Office of Pesticides and Toxic Substances
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Shapiro:

This is in reply to your letter dated July 7, 1986, copy attached, advising us that your agency is presently developing regulations for asbestos products. That in order to evaluate the proposed regulatory options, you will need current production and sales information from manufacturers and processors of asbestos products.

We wish to advise that our company discontinued the processing of or the manufacture of any products containing asbestos as of the end of the day, May 31, 1986. We are now in the process of trying to liquidate all inventories of raw asbestos materials or finished products containing asbestos, and after August 8, 1986, will not process or manufacture products containing asbestos, or sell any products containing asbestos to the trade.

It was impossible for our company to obtain insurance due to the fact that we were a processor of and the manufacturer of products containing asbestos so we elected to drop products containing asbestos from our product line.

In lieu of the above information, we ask that you please eliminate our company as a processor and manufacturer of products containing asbestos.

Yours very truly,

E. B. Pippert
Vice Chairman of the Board

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