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SUBJECT: Modified Non-Asbestos Sylodex - Project Report (2159-1)

OBJECTIVE: To prepare a modified Sylodex which:

- does not contain asbestos
- has superior performance in polyester resin thickening compared to SX 24

SUMMARY: This report summarizes our results on the project we carried out for Davison-Europe. Our initial objective was to duplicate the performance of their product, SX 24, without using asbestos. This was desired because the toxic properties of asbestos made it difficult to sell.

A variety of commercial organic and inorganic fibers were tested as thickeners in polyester resin. None had any useful thickening effect. Polypropylene fibers from mats prepared for battery separators by Polyfibron Division were very effective in thixotropic thickening.

These results were discussed with Davison-Europe in March, 1974. Market conditions had changed since the project was designed. Asbestos is in no immediate danger of being outlawed. Customer resistance to asbestos still exists, but it is being overcome and sales