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THE FAMILY LINES RAIL SYSTEM

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Dear Mr. Andrews:

This has reference to your letter of January 28, 1981 to the AAR Steering Committee relative to products being used as wicks to heat rail when making joints.

The Seaboard Coast Line uses Thermo-Pac, one-inch asbestos for this practice. This is supplied by the Johns-Manville Company and we know of no problems associated with its use.

This product is described in a Johns-Manville brochure, No. PK-229, 8-77, which you can obtain by calling or writing the Johns-Manville Information Center, telephone (303)979-1000, mailing address Ken-Caryl Ranch, Denver, Colorado 80217.

If I can be of further help, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

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