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Inc. RE Asbestos Basewads

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R. F. DIETZ handle all inquiries.
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ASBESTOS BASEWADS

The attached statement is designed for use in answering any media inquiries about our use of asbestos basewads in shotgun shells.

Obviously, we do not intend to make any general release of this, but rather only to use it to answer questions.

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Remington Arms Company, Inc. has used asbestos in the manufacture of basewads for plastic shotgun shells for many years. The manufacturing process and the disposal of wastes meet or exceed the standards of state and federal agencies for the handling of asbestos. There is no known hazard to Remington employees from the use of asbestos.

Shotgun shell basewads are made by compressing a mixture of wood fiber, wax and asbestos under high pressure. The solid, hard component that results from this process protects against the release of asbestos fibers during shooting. There is no known hazard caused by asbestos to shooters who use this type of ammunition.

Remington is in the process of phasing out the use of asbestos in basewads as the result of switching to an improved design which utilizes one-piece plastic bodies for all shotgun shells. This process is largely completed now although some limited use of asbestos will continue in 1981.

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