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RE: ASBESTOS TYPE JOINT SYSTEM

THE CONSUMERS PRODUCTS SAFETY COMMISSION HAS NOW VOTED TO PHASE OUT ASBESTOS TYPE JOINT SYSTEMS OVER A REASONABLE LENGTH OF TIME, LIKE 4-6 MONTHS, WHICH WILL ALLOW US TO USE UP OUR EXISTING ASBESTOS INVENTORY. DURING THIS PERIOD, OUR ASBESTOS FORMULA READY MIX (4 AND 5 GAL) IS TO BE SOLD TO CONTRACTOR CUSTOMERS AND DEALERS SUPPLYING CONTRACTORS ONLY. THE ASBESTOS FREE FORMULA IS TO BE SOLD TO RETAIL OUTLETS FOR CONSUMER USE. JOINT SYSTEM PLANTS WILL CONTINU PRODUCING THE ASBESTOS FORMULA UNTIL PRESENT ASBESTOS STOCKS ARE GONE WHEN THAT'S DEPLETED, WE'LL REVERT TO ASBESTOS FREE ENTIRELY.