

Mr. Enell
Mr. Erickson

October 11, 1965

MEMORANDUM

TO : DMS CONTRACT BOARD

FROM : George K. Casto, Chairman

SUBJECT: Item No. 1. Redraft of Proposed Plan for the Disposal of Amosite Asbestos.
Item No. 2. Redraft of Proposed Plan for the Disposal of Chrysotile.

Subject items will be discussed at a Board meeting hereby called for Wednesday, October 13, at 10 a.m. in Room 6018.

(Signed) George K. Casto
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cc:

Messrs. Connell
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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
DISPOSAL PLAN
AMOSITE ASBESTOS
NATIONAL STOCKPILE AND SUPPLEMENTAL STOCKPILE

1. Material to be released

The Office of Emergency Planning has determined that approximately 15,170 short tons of amosite asbestos are excess to stockpile needs.

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2. Method of disposal

The GSA proposes to make amosite asbestos available (a) for sale; (b) for transfer to agencies of the United States Government; (c) to the extent authorized by law, as payment for expenses (including transportation and other accessorial expenses) of refining, processing, beneficiating, or retreating materials in the national stockpile; or (d) for disposition in such other manner as may be in the best interests of the Government.

3. Rate of sale

GSA plans to make the excess asbestos available for disposal over a period of years. During the first year after the material becomes available for release disposals will be limited to approximately 5,000 short tons, exclusive of direct Government use. The quantities and timing of subsequent disposals will be determined after evaluating earlier sales and current market conditions.

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4. Periodic review of program

The disposal program will be subject to continuous scrutiny and the Administrator of General Services will consult with other Federal agencies concerned at any time he considers such action advisable, or at any time consultation is requested by such agencies. If any significant modification of the program appears necessary or advisable as a result of such consultation, the change will be publicly announced.

5. Background information

A. Inventory, stockpile objective, cost, and market value

AMOSITE ASBESTOS December 31, 1965

<u>Inventory</u>	<u>Short Tons</u>
National stockpile	11,705
Supplemental stockpile	43,465
Total all inventories	55,170
Stockpile objective (established March 5, 1964)	40,000
Total all excesses	15,170

The average acquisition cost was approximately \$245 per short ton as of December 31, 1965. The present market value is about \$241 per short ton.

B. Quality of stocks

All of the amosite is specification grade material.

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C. Production and consumption

Production of amosite asbestos has shown a general increase in the 1958-1964 period, from about 70,000 to 77,000 short tons. Domestic consumption in 1964 as reported to the U. S. Bureau of Mines, amounted to approximately 7,196 short tons. United States imports, excluding stockpile accessions, have averaged about 14,000 short tons annually in recent years. It is believed that U. S. annual consumption is more likely in the area of 14,000 short tons than the 7,000 to 8,000 short ton range reported to the Bureau of Mines.

D. Consultation

Industry representatives and affected Government agencies have been consulted during the planning period.

E. Authority for disposal

Legislation authorizing the disposal is being requested.

(signed) Lawson B. Knott, Jr.

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Administrator of General Services

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Lawson B. Knott, Jr.
Administrator of General Services

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Mr. Irving Maness
Deputy Administrator
Small Business Administration
Washington, D.C. 20416

Dear Mr. Maness:

In line with our agreement we are enclosing draft copies of
our plans for the disposal of excess amosite asbestos, cobalt,
and columbium.

Sincerely yours,

Signed/ William W. Wickes

William W. Wickes
Director
Disposal Plans Division

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