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HAZARDOUS AND OTHER WARNINGS ON PACKAGES

Mr. Walker's letter of December 14, 1973 appears to recommend package warnings in excess of those required by laws and regulations.

Various statements published in the Federal Register reiterate. "Since Congress intended nationwide uniformity in labeling not diverse or inconsistent requirements, any state or local labeling requirement that varies from Federal requirements is null and void.

Further, there is also inference that "where an alleged hazard of the general character dealt with by the Federal Act is not of sufficient degree to require cautionary labeling as a hazardous substance under the Federal act no state or local warning requirements, can be required."

The various products containing asbestos which were found to cause a contaminated atmosphere sufficient to require labeling have been so labeled since early 1973.

It is our intention to meet all Hazardous labeling requirements, however, to misuse hazardous labeling merely weakens the whole system in the manner of the fable concerning "Cry Wolf".

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