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April 20, 1977

Dear Round Robin Participant:

Thank you for your prompt response to the recent CTFA Task Force on the round robin analyses of consumer talc products (1976 production) for asbestiform amphibole minerals. I have received and completed a comparative work-up of data from all participating laboratories with the exception of Mount Sinai. Personnel at the Mount Sinai Environmental Sciences Laboratory now inform me that they are currently involved with another project which precludes their participation in our round robin at this time. Hopefully, they will perform these analyses at a later date.

Inter-laboratory comparison of our Task Force data indicates serious inconsistencies in the results; i.e., three (3) of the commercial products have each been declared by two or three of the laboratories to have failed CTFA Method J4-1, Parts I and II (asbestiform amphibole detected at a level $\geq 0.5\%$). The sample code, which is still in my possession, has been released to no one.

In view of this situation, you are urged to attend the meeting of this Task Force so that we might further discuss these results and the potential sources of difficulty. It will be necessary for us to deliberate on a further course of action which would include special training for the analysts and repeating the round robin.

DATE: May , 1977
TIME: A.M.
MEETING PLACE: CTFA Headquarters
1133 15th Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Because of the importance of this meeting, please contact me (201/524-5518) if you or an alternate representative from your company cannot be present.

Your continued support is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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