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Jan. 14, 1977

Craig Burningham
2821 West 7180 South
West Jordan, UT 84084

Dear Sir:

I just recently did alot of construction in my home using Georgia Pacific – Ready Mix Joint Compound, Lot #9306T11702. I didn't notice on the label till after I was completed that the material contained asbestos fiber which constituted a serious health hazard.

In sanding the Ready Mix Joint Compound on the new sheet rock I installed, I got this fine dust all over my home.

My questions are as follows: 1- How much (percentage) asbestos fiber is in your Joint Compound? 2- Is the amount in your Joint Compound (fiber) really harmful? 3- Is there asbestos fiber in sheet rock? 4- Any other information you might have on this subject I would appreciate your sending to me.

I have small children that were living in our home while I was remodeling and I am concerned about their welfare. I have heard that since 1973, the Environmental Protection Agency has banned materials containing more than 1% asbestos fiber.

I would appreciate hearing from you. Also if you have any information on asbestos fiber and various building materials I would like a copy.

Thanks For Your Time,

Craig Burningham

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Jan. 17, 1111

282 West 7180 South

West Jordan, Utah

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Thanks for your help.

Craig Bringham

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January 21, 1977

Mr. Craig Burningham
2821 West 7180 South
West Jordan, UT 84084

Dear Mr. Burningham:

Your letter of January 14, 1977, has been forwarded to me. I assure you that you need not concern yourself over the possibility of harm due to the Asbestos Fiber content in the Joint Cement Product you recently used.

To our knowledge, there is no known case of harm from Joint Cement containing Asbestos Fiber, even after prolonged exposure, numbered in many years.

There is no truth to your information that "Since 1973 the E.P.A. has barred materials containing more than 1 percent Asbestos Fiber."

There is no asbestos fiber in Gypsum Wallboard manufactured by Georgia-Pacific, nor to our knowledge, in other domestic gypsum wallboard manufacturers.

Georgia-Pacific is in full compliance with all OSHA and E.P.A. requirements on the use of Asbestos Fiber in Joint Cement products.

If I can be of further assistance, please advise.

Very truly yours,

O. E. Burch
General Sales Manager
Gypsum Division

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