

For Attention

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Subject

PERCENTAGE DEPLETION - SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

Have carefully noted your letter of July 3rd and reviewing the complete file, it appears that you already have all of the information we are in possession of that should prove to the Senate Committee on Finance that we should have a 15% Percentage Depletion.

We have advised in the past somewhat as follows: Our yearly production of long asbestos fibre at Vermont Mines averages 11% and since the beginning of the Defense Program has been of vital importance to the Government.

Such Companies as - Dow Chemical Co., Dow Chemical Co., Hooker Electrochemical Co., Southern Alkali Corp., Wyandotte Chemicals Corp. and many others find it important in connection with the operation of Electrochemical Cells which produce -

Chlorine
Caustic Soda
Hydrogen

In our contacts with these Industrials at different times, we are told that Chlorine for instance, is of vital importance to our Government, for it does the following -

- (a) Produces Tri-Chloroethylene for degreasing all kinds of metals including aeroplane parts and jet engine parts.
- (b) Ethylene-Glyce (Prestone)
- (c) Ortho-Dichlor Benzene (Military degreasing solvent)

Caustic Soda is also important, namely - for use in manufacturing of nitrating pulp (gun cotton).

Hydrogen is important for -

- (a) Ammonia (TNT products)
Used in making iron powder which in turn is important in making small machine parts.
- (b) Hydrogenate (fish oil or fat for making soap.)

The production of asbestos fibre in the United States is limited. Ours is the only important mine located in Vermont and produces approximately 97% of the American production.

In addition, we supply asbestos fibre for heat insulation in power plants and battleships, etc. as a filler and binder in plastic materials, such as telephones, also in other equipment as automobile brake linings, clutch facings, asphalt tile, building materials, electric motors, electrical appliances and equipment, fire-fighting

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clothing and equipment, radio, radar, T.V. devices, etc.

We are giving particular attention to all demands for fibre for direct or indirect Government use, so that there will be no decrease in production of above items and many others not listed.

HAK/cm

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