PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT
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GEORGIA-PACIFIC

INTERDEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

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TO: All Plant Managers

LOCATION:

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SUBJECT: OSHA INFORMATION

The first six months of operating under OSHA have been completed and some critera has been established. Three items stand out namely:

1. The inspectors do not or cannot, because of lack of knowledge, offer any corrective recommendations, solely criticism and imposition of penalties.

2. It seems that they are very reluctant to criticize labor, however management can be fined for employee violations.

3. The inspective citations appear to be petty, however, penalties are assessed. The entire program leaves a lot to be desired, it is a far cry form the Federal Mine Act supervised by personnel from the U. S. Bureau of Mines. They inspect, note violations recommend corrective measures and allow grace periods to correct before assessing fines.

Attached is a report resulting from an OSHA inspection at Georgia-Pacific's Ottawa, Ohio plant, also a letter form Floyd Arnold, Manager of Safety. You will note the citation for a fire extinguisher set on the floor also the tagging of extinguishers. This is a continuous problem and if you or your staff have a suggestion please forward. Also, covers an electrical switch and junction boxes. We have this problem in our plants and it has been called to your attention. We recommend that the supervisors discuss these items at the safety meetings.

Aisles must be marked and maintained. The code reads " Aisles shall be provided of sufficient width to permit the free movement of employees, mechanical trucks, lift trucks, etc. The aisle is to be independent of working and storage space and should be defined by marking". We have checked this and the information received is that yellow marking is acceptable but they prefer white or white with black stripes.

Several citations have been issued for improper recordkeeping great percentage of the recordkeeping citiations indicated changes in the entries and not initialed. Every entry must be initialed by the person making the entry. Rather than have several parties attempting to maintain the log we suggest that only the safety coordinator or the office manager be responsible for proper recording.

Also other materials as regards OSHA are attached. There maybe a suspicion that we are sending out too much material. It is our intention to preface all locations for the initial visit and what to expect.

The standards on dust bath nuisance and hazardous, have not been received. We do know that the reduction in allowable concentrations have

been reduced as much as 50%, especially asbestos, limestone, mica and talc. All employees working with these materials shall be furnished an approved type respirator and it must be worn in the proper manner, while exposed to the above mentioned dusts.

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