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"ORIGINATORS OF THE SPIRAL-WOUND GASKET"

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ATTENTION: Tom Gorzik

Dear Tom:

In response to Bingham-Williamette's request for "air test data reports" etc., we offer the following:

1. The asbestos paper used in our spiral wound gaskets is produced with a binder which renders the gaskets safe for normal handling and usage.
2. As outlined in OAR Chapter 437, Sect. 115-040 (furnished by Bingham-Williamette), and in the enclosed excerpt from the Federal Register, "Caution" labels are not required for products containing asbestos which is manufactured with a binder, that prevents the release of airborne concentrations of asbestos fibers in excess of prescribed exposure limits, during reasonably foreseeable handling and use.
3. Flexitallic Gasket Company has conducted regular studies of respirable airborne asbestos exposure in our manufacturing operations. The results of these studies show respirable airborne asbestos levels to be well below OSHA prescribed limits.
4. We have enclosed a copy of OSHA form 20, Material Safety Data Sheet, for your review.
5. Spiral wound gaskets are furnished as a complete assembly; there is no need for shaping, cutting, sawing, etc. Installation of spiral wound gaskets involves lifting or pushing the old gasket off the flange, installing the new gasket and bolting up the flanges. Little or no cleanup of the flanges is required when replacing spiral wound gaskets. However, it is conceivable that an inexperienced individual would scrape or wire brush the flange faces. At least one study has shown that this procedure does not create respirable airborne asbestos levels in excess of OSHA prescribed limits.

Regards,


Ed Crowley

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