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Subject: LABELING OF TALC PRODUCTS

This will confirm my remarks made at this morning's meeting:

1. We are currently not labeling any of our talc products which contain between 5 and 35% tremolite asbestos.

2. It is my belief that we are in violation of the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act as found in Title 29, Chapter XVII, Part 1910, Occupational Safety and Health Standards, published in the Federal Register, Volume 37, No. 110, June 10, 1972. This section states in brief that any material that contains asbestos fiber must be so labeled.

We should also note that within the last two months, the W. R. Grace Company has been cited in the state of Washington by OSHA for marketing vermiculite, which contains similar percentages of tremolite without proper labeling on the bags.

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