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Internal Correspondence

TO: J. F. Welch

FROM: J. F. Welch, Director, Public Affairs

DATE: March 26, 1981

SUBJECT: News Article - Lower Nazareth Township, Pennsylvania

ACTION REQUIRED: Review for information

Enclosed is a news article forwarded by Tom Dougherty (Certain-teed) regarding asbestos in drinking water tests in Lower Nazareth Township, Pennsylvania. It is not known why the Township repeated the asbestos analysis. There are no indications that the test results or the article have resulted in additional actions by the Township.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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No mineral fibers in water, tests in L. Nazareth reveal

LOWER NAZARETH TOWNSHIP — A second test for asbestos in Lower Nazareth Township's drinking water shows no mineral fibers are present, according to Frank Barnet Jr., chairman of the local water authority.

The test, performed on samples take on Jan. 20, confirms an earlier test made in October 1979 that also showed "statistically insignificant" amounts of asbestos fibers.

Asbestos fiber is known to cause lung ailments when inhaled, but the health effects of asbestos in drinking water are not known.

Since many water pipes, including Lower Nazareth's, are made of asbestos cement, some environmental officials have expressed fear that asbestos could be contaminating water supplies.

Officials started worrying about asbestos contamination in Lower Nazareth's drinking water in August 1979 after The Express reported on the local and national implications of the potential problem.

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