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ASBESTOS GASKETS IN BREATHING AIR LINES

While current engineering standards specify asbestos-free gaskets for breathing air lines, some breathing air systems still contain bonded asbestos gaskets. Air monitoring yields no evidence that these gaskets present a health problem. However, there is potential for public relations or employee relations concern; and it is recommended that sites with bonded asbestos gaskets in their breathing air system either replace these gaskets with non-asbestos gaskets, or periodically monitor breathing air for asbestos. S. W. Dixon, Haskell Laboratory, can provide monitoring program guidance.

Sites should contact their departments for specific guidance.

Public Affairs Department, Industrial Relations Division, Employee Relations Department, and Legal Department concur in this advice.

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