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Subject: Asbestos Content in Paint Peeled from Former Mix Room of Sheldon Road Plant

As requested by Mr. J. E. Tennant, Division Safety Engineer, laboratory analyses were performed on a sample of paint peeled from the ceiling of the former heater housing mix room of the Sheldon Road Plant. The sample, which was submitted 19 May 1983 by Mr. Tennant, was analyzed for asbestos content by the Environmental Research Group Inc. of Ann Arbor, Michigan using polarized light techniques. While the peeled paint does not contain asbestos, ERG states that the surface to which the paint is adhering does contain asbestos. These findings, plus previous positive presumptive tests conducted on settled dust from the mix room, indicate the mix room is still contaminated with asbestos.

Attached are letters on this subject from 1981 and 1982. Your response of 24 September 1982 indicated partial implementation of our recommendations of 8 April 1981. In light of these new laboratory findings, we believe this issue should be revisited and the balance of our recommendations implemented.

Please develop an action plan to address this subject and forward it to Mr. R. L. Wabeke, Supervisor, Industrial Hygiene Services Section, Room 104, Central Laboratory.

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