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**Subject:** RE: Request to Interview for Feature on Asbestos and the Environment

Dear Ali, on background, please:

**What risks does asbestos pose to public health?**

Please find information on the risks posed by asbestos via our asbestos website at:  
<https://www.epa.gov/asbestos/learn-about-asbestos>

**What trends have you seen in terms of cancer frequencies and the presence of asbestos?**

Please find recently released information from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, regarding the rates of mesothelioma, a form of cancer that is found in the thin lining of the lung, chest and the abdomen directly related to asbestos exposure:  
[https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/wr/mm6608a3.htm?s\\_cid=mm6608a3\\_w#contribAff](https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/66/wr/mm6608a3.htm?s_cid=mm6608a3_w#contribAff)

**Have there been any recent developments with the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act regarding asbestos regulation in pre-existing products?**

The Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, which amended the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish a risk evaluation process. In December of 2016, EPA published a list of 10 chemical substances that are the subject of the agency's initial chemical risk evaluations. Asbestos was one of these chemicals.

TSCA requires that EPA publish scopes of the risk evaluations to be conducted, including the hazards, exposures, conditions of use and potentially exposed or susceptible subpopulations that the Administrator expects to consider. In June 2017, EPA published [the Scope of the Risk Evaluation for Asbestos](#). EPA will soon be publishing and taking public comment on a problem formulation document which refines the current scope, as an additional interim step prior to publication of the draft risk evaluation for asbestos. The problem formulation document will describe what uses EPA will evaluate.

**How do you recommend the average person avoid asbestos exposure in their daily life?**

Asbestos-containing materials that aren't damaged or disturbed are not likely to pose a health risk. Usually the best thing is to leave asbestos-containing material alone if it is in good condition. Generally, asbestos-containing material that is in good condition and will not be disturbed (by remodeling, for example) will not release asbestos fibers. Trained and accredited asbestos professionals should be hired to do any work with asbestos-containing materials. Please find additional information regarding avoiding asbestos exposure: <https://www.epa.gov/asbestos/protect-your-family>.

**What are the biggest effects asbestos has on air and water safety?**

Some people who drink water containing asbestos well in excess of EPA's maximum contaminant level (MCL) (7 million fibers per liter (MFL)) for many years may have an increased risk of developing benign intestinal polyps.

This health effects language is not intended to catalog all possible health effects for asbestos. Rather, it is intended to inform consumers of some of the possible health effects associated with asbestos in drinking water when the rule was finalized.

More information:

<https://www.epa.gov/dwreginfo/chemical-contaminant-rules>

<https://www.epa.gov/asbestos/learn-about-asbestos>

<https://www.epa.gov/asbestos/learn-about-asbestos#effects>

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Ex. 6

**From:** Ali Cassity, Ex. 6  
**Sent:** Monday, April 23, 2018 12:16 PM  
**To:** Daguillard, Robert <Daguillard.Robert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Request to Interview for Feature on Asbestos and the Environment

Mr. Daguillard,

My name is Alison Cassity and I am a writer working with *Cancer Wellness Magazine*, a new magazine focusing on cancer patients. Aimed at a sophisticated cadre of readers including medical professionals, major research institutions, support networks, as well as fighters and survivors, Cancer Wellness delivers cutting-edge content and resources in one place. Based in Chicago, but with a national reach, Cancer Wellness' unique mix of health, wellness, beauty, entertainment, and medical coverage provides all the essentials for an ever-growing community to thrive with and beyond the scope of cancer.

For our July issue, I am writing a story on asbestos and the environment, and I would love to interview you on the regulations set by the TSCA and how they protect the public from asbestos exposure. Specifically, I'm hoping you can comment on asbestos risks and safety precautions.

I anticipate that the interview will take about 30 minutes by phone, and I'm happy to send questions by email as well if that is more convenient for you.

Thank you for your consideration; I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

Alison Cassity

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