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GASKET MATERIALS - Jim Ulrich

A. INTRODUCTION

SLIDE #1

Good morning! I'm Jim Ulrich, Materials Technical Service Engineer, and I'd like to tell you about the different types of materials used for gaskets, with particular emphasis on our non-asbestos line. We will go over the different uses to which gaskets are put, and see what some of the best materials are to use for various types of sealing conditions. I'll also show you some examples of coatings that are used to enhance the properties of the gaskets to which they are applied. We can also talk about some of the tests that we run on gasket materials. Later on, we'll take a tour of our Engineering facilities, and you can see where new materials are fabricated and how they are tested.

B. NEED FOR NON-ASBESTOS MATERIALS

SLIDE #2

The health hazards associated with asbestos fibers have become well-known. Asbestos is a carcinogen, a cancer-causing agent. Air-borne particles can enter the lungs and cause serious problems many years after initial exposure. Accordingly, governmental institutions have passed legislation severely limiting the concentration of asbestos fibers that can be present in the air in a workplace. Asbestos-containing gasket materials are not in themselves hazardous to use. Many of them have the asbestos

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