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SUBJECT: Laundering Asbestos Contaminated Clothing

Dear John:

I have reviewed your letter (Attachment "A") concerning the laundering of asbestos contaminated clothing vis-a-vis the OSHA Standard 1910.1001 and have determined that while your approach is sound and appropriate, there appears to be one additional thing that must be done.

Paragraph (d)(4)(iii)(b) of Section 1910.1001 (see boxed-in area on Attachment "B") states that "Any employer who gives asbestos-contaminated clothing to another person for laundering shall inform such person of the requirement in paragraph (d)(4)(iii)(a) of this section to effectively prevent the release of airborne asbestos fibers in excess of the exposure."

I suggest that a letter be written to Mr. Fauss, the owner of Vogue-Swift Cleaners, calling his attention to this paragraph in Section 1910.1001 of the code of Federal Regulations.

For your general information, a temporary emergency standard (issued 11/4/83) of 0.5 fibers (longer than 5 micrometers) per cubic centimeter as on eight-hour time weighted standard is currently in effect. It could soon get tighter. In a proposed rule and notice of hearing published in the Federal Register on 4/10/84, OSHA announced its intent to permanently lower the eight-hour time-weighted average down to one of two alternative levels: 0.5 fibers/cc or 0.2 fibers/cc. OSHA seems to be leaning towards the 0.2 fibers/cc limit, but had invited comments on the poroposed revisions to be submitted on or before 5/12/84. The informal rulemaking hearing is scheduled for 6/19/84 in Washington, D.C.

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Thank you for your inquiry. I think you asked a worthwhile question.

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Attachments

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