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Subject: Asbestos Use and Required Employee Medical Monitoring

On August 31, 1978, non-production asbestos usage in the Research and Engineering Center was reviewed with Mr. Tim Zimecky, Safety Engineer. Areas included in this review were Facilities Services (pipe coverers), Scientific Research Laboratories (brake lining labs), Body Engineering (taillight shop, plastic fabricate, and wood die molders), and Design Center (molders). This review was made to determine the need for employee monitoring. Additional review of potential asbestos use areas within General Services was requested by Mr. R. M. Quarles, Division Safety Engineer, to define the current status of compliance with medical monitoring requirements specified in the letter from Dr. D. L. Block, Medical Director, dated May 2, 1978.

Operations which need to be monitored to determine if employee exposures to airborne asbestos fibers exists are as follows:

- Mechanics performing brake lining work: (Transportation Services, Transportation Garage, Service Research Center, Truck Garage, Michigan and Arizona Proving Grounds, and other fleet garages such as WMO and NAAO).
- Pipe coverers during removal of old pipe insulation: (Facilities Services and Construction Services).
- Heat and cold control engineers during brake lining grinding: (Experimental Vehicles).
- Brake lining scientists and technicians: (Scientific Research Laboratories).

Since these operations are jobs which occur on a random basis, this department will need to be notified when they will be performed. Please inform the appropriate department heads of this request, and that notification be at least one week prior to performance of these jobs so that preparation can be made for sampling.

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