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Hazardous Materials
Ref: Asbestos Products

Dear Tom:

On behalf of the Safety Committee, and at their request, I submit to the Product Progress Committee the following recommendations relating to the handling of Asbestos products sold by Durametallic Corporation. It is our recommendation that these suggestions be considered for inclusion in the Hazardous and Restricted Materials Guideline, previously approved.

Numerous concepts were discussed during the development of the following recommendations.

1. Durametallic Corporation has received a communication from one of its primary asbestos suppliers suggesting that it is advisable to attach a warning to all of our products which contain materials supplied by him.
2. An investigation of our vendors labeling and warning techniques show that all asbestos products received by Durametallic do contain warning labels. Warning label language ranges from mild to terrifying!
3. Durametallic products are composed and manufactured in such a way that end-user dust creation is minimal (due to dispersants and additives - teflon, etc.). The greatest danger is to our own employees during the manufacturing process. However, due to the high asbestos content of many of our packing products, it is our opinion that a warning to users is appropriate.
4. The rationale used to exclude DMC-340 gasket material from the warning label suggestion is: while this material contains asbestos, it is only a minor component of the seal that it is sold with and is shipped in a compressed, pre-cut design, again, minimizing dust creation by the user. We also considered the fact that if a warning label was deemed appropriate, nearly every seal shipped would have to carry the warning. We recognize that this is a value judgement and subject to discussion.

For informational purposes, I have attached a copy of all the recommendations submitted to and endorsed by the Safety Committee.

Respectfully,

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