



Bell Laboratories

Subject: Compliance with OSHA Asbestos
Standard
Case 48069-12

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from G. M. Wilkening

Messrs. R. B. Aljoe:
C. J. Lind:
H. G. Petzinger:

An OSHA standard that has been effective since July 7, 1972 outlines extremely stringent requirements for the use of asbestos. Effective July 1, 1976 the standard is to be made even more stringent. The existing standard and the proposed revisions are attached for your information.

In order to help you meet the requirements of this standard the following action is required.

- 1) Identification of all operations on equipment involving asbestos bearing material. (Materials such as floor tiles that incorporate asbestos in an adhesive matrix and are not ordinarily dispersed as dust are not significant.) Cleaning motor vehicle brake drums is a problem.
- 2) Identify all operations involving bulk fiber or powdered asbestos and those which require sawing, drilling, abrading, sanding, filing, rubbing, etc. of asbestos or asbestos containing materials that produce airborne fibers. This includes demolition or alteration of existing facilities.
- 3) Identification of all ventilation systems and structural facilities that have employed asbestos as insulation material, such as spray-on insulation. In particular identification must be made of all return air plenums which contain asbestos spray insulated material on interior surfaces.

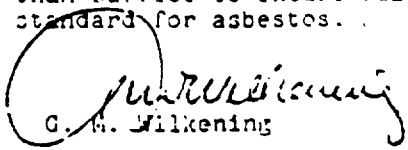
Once you have identified the operations described above we ask that you relay this information to Mr. W. J. Schreiber, Industrial Hygiene Group, Department 7886 (RM 3A-209, MSF51). Mr. Schreiber is prepared to review all potential problems and to arrange for monitoring.

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I am certain that our usual cooperative efforts with you and your staff will more than suffice to insure full compliance with the OSHA standard for asbestos.

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