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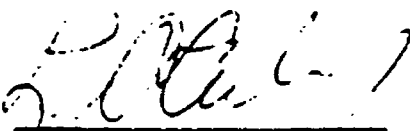
SUBJECT: Asbestos - Cadwelding

I talked with James Barry, Chief Engineer of Erico, concerning his testing of refrasil rope for cadwelds. One of your projects furnished him a 10 ft. sample.

He told me that they had satisfactory results with the refrasil but were concerned with the release of flourocarbons since the material was Teflon coated. He is going to send me a letter to this effect.

In addition, beginning August 1, 1977 Erico will no longer furnish asbestos rope but a ceramic type rope. I requested that they send each of you 20 ft. prior to August in order that you might run some tests yourselves. I think we previously tried this material unsatisfactorily but I'm not sure.

In the meantime we will continue to use the asbestos rope. As soon as you can inform me of the results of your testing of the ceramic rope; at the same time I will ask our industrial hygenist to look into the potential flourocarbon problem.


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