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C&P Division Asbestos Phase Out

Dear Charly:

The enclosed documents reflect a major "break threw" with respect to the subject. As recently as last summer, some EM & TS Central Engineering people were condoning use of asbestos packings and gaskets "as long as they are available". Through high level Danbury and direct involvement with Clyde Neely of South Charleston, C&P now have an effort to discontinue purchase of asbestos packings and gaskets worldwide by the end of 1988. GRAFOIL® and some Teflon® will be the preferred replacement materials. As you can see by the scope of their effort, much is and needs to be done to implement these changes at all C&P plants. Currently, Jim Polomsky is directly assisting these plants with the education needed to make the changes. This program already is impacting on GRAFOIL® sales in the Gulf Plants.

Continued follow-up is needed to speed up conversion to achieve maximum GRAFOIL® sales. This type of program needs to be extended to Linde and Carbon Products Divisions. I know of no such formal position by either of these Divisions. Delineation of such a position is important to affirm Mr. Kennedy's stated Health and Safety goals for the Corporation. It also would be consistent with our involvement with the Alternate Materials Institute (AMI).

Very truly yours,

Pete

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