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Proposed Standards for Air
Emissions of Asbestos

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Following up on my June 1 conversation, I telephoned Jim Crowder on Wednesday, June 7. As a result of our May 25 letter, EPA has revised their standards per the attached. You will note that the language is intended to allow for trace amounts of asbestos. It is my opinion that the language accomplishes this and that MK-4 would be judged as acceptable.

Crowder confirmed that it is the Durham, North Carolina office's conclusion not to accept our recommendations regarding the encapsulating of asbestos in a wet gypsum binder; therefore, as written MK-3 would be prohibited.

Crowder informed me that Dale Slaughter was that day in Washington, D.C., attempting to get the EPA's Steering Committee's agreement to accept for consideration the package of proposals written in North Carolina.

The procedures, as explained by Crowder, are basically seven steps:

- (1) The acceptance of the package by the Steering Committee. This is the purpose of Slaughter's visit to Washington.
- (2) Review by the Steering Committee.
- (3) Approval by the Steering Committee and release back to the North Carolina office.
- (4) The North Carolina office releasing the standard to assistant administrators.
- (5) Review by the assistant administrators.

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- (6) Release to the Office of Management and Budget.
- (7) Director Ruckelshaus signs, holds a press conference and announces the release date. Slaughter is estimating that this will take place in early August, assuming that Step 1 take place within the next two weeks.

Once again, Crowder suggested that we go to see Dr. John Middleton. He told me that other firms have gone to Middleton with their problems and that "seems to be the next best step."

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"Paragraph C: The spraying of asbestos is limited as follows:

Subparagraph 1: The spraying, on any portion of a building or structure, of any acoustical insulating, thermal insulating, or fireproofing product which contains commercial asbestos is prohibited.

Subparagraph 2: The spraying, in an area directly open to the atmosphere, of any acoustical insulating, thermal insulating, or fireproofing product which contains commercial asbestos is prohibited.

Subparagraph 3: Emissions to the atmosphere of particular matter from spraying of any acoustical insulating, thermal insulating, or fireproofing product which contains commercial asbestos, if such spraying is not specifically prohibited in Subparagraphs 1 or 2 of this paragraph, shall not exceed the amounts which would be emitted to the atmosphere if the area containing such spraying operations were enclosed in such a manner as to insure that the air containing such emissions is collected and the air were treated in fabric filter installation as described in Section 61.23B or, where approved by the Administrator because of special process conditions, in wet collectors as described in Section 61.23D."

"Commercial Asbestos means any variety of asbestos which is produced by the concentration of asbestos ore."

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