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TO Public Affairs Committee
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Internal Correspondence

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SUBJECT AACPP Trade Release

ACTION REQUIRED: Review for information

Enclosed is an article published in the October, 1981 issue of Construction Contracting Monthly, circulation 55,000, which resulted from one of the trade press releases made through the Public Education Program. It is interesting to note the time lag between date of release (June, 1981) and date of publication. Trade publications typically hold press releases for future issues and "space fillers."

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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EPA Sees No Link Between Asbestos in Drinking Water and Digestive Tract Ills

*Although asbestos fibers highly
suspected in pulmonary disease*

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6, headquartered in Dallas, Texas recently stated that no conclusive evidence links the ingestion of asbestos in drinking water to gastrointestinal cancer.

According to Mac A. Weaver, Acting Chief of the Water Supply Branch, "Based on our findings, we do not believe the citizens . . . are subject to any measurable health risk from asbestos in their drinking water.

"Because of the acknowledged health problems related to asbestos inhaled and/or ingested by workers in occupational exposure, it is natural for people to extend this concern to other exposures. EPA and the scientific community have felt that extensive study is justified to determine if there is a level at which asbestos in drinking water might represent a measurable risk to public health. No conclusive scientific evidence has yet linked gastrointestinal cancer incidence with ingestion of asbestos through drinking water."

Weaver noted that the presence of asbestos fibers in drinking water may result from naturally-occurring sources in the ground water or from asbestos-cement (A/C) pipe when highly corrosive waters are conveyed. ■

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