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ASBESTOS IN TALC

We have conducted some brief experiments to determine whether asbestos is released when one of our talc-containing primers is sanded. The results are summarized in the attached letter from T. J. Nelson.

We have not yet determined how much encapsulated asbestos was contained in the respirable dust. What, in your opinion, would be the effect of encapsulated asbestos and/or fibers shorter than 5 microns on the lungs? Do you feel that the hazard potential is sufficient to warrant further characterization of the dust?

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