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OBJECTIVE

Attempt to track down source of rumored asbestos "GM Ban"

DISCUSSION

For many months now we have labored with our customers concerns over their supplying various GM locations asbestos contained Plastisols, Sealants, Adhesives etc. Our feedback has been that there was a growing GM ban on asbestos and GM was refusing shipments of asbestos contained products.

Contact was made with their Delco Moraine Div., as we were advised they were working on an asbestos free brake lining. We learned that although they were indeed working on an asbestos free brake lining, the motiv ating force behind these evaluations was not OSHA but rather the improved braking standards necessary to meet the 1975 Govt. Regulations on Auto Braking Distances. The brake lining as we know it today may not exist in 1975, because the requirements are for a radically shortened braking distance and the composition of asbestos, phenolic etc. may not be enough to withstand the heat buildup. They are looking at mineral wool, steel wool and a host of other products including asbestos in their evaluations. If they can arrive at the right composition of materials and it contains asbestos it will continue to be used. The important factor to note here is that the impetus for the evaluation was technological rather that OSHA inspired.

The Delco plant has samples of our pellets and expressed an interest in doing some work related to brake linings or clutch facings. They feel it is a unique product.

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We are also in the process to set up a meeting with their Industrial Hygiene group, located at the Technical Center Warren, Mich. We will discuss with Dr. Bill Krebs, safe methods of handling asbestos including our own pellets. There is no "GM Ban", the Industrial Hygiene dept. simply advises the plants that if they want to continue using asbestos, they be aware of the TLV, and take the necessary precautions to protect the workers. If these precautions place an undue financial burden on individual plants, then that plant management has the option of looking for substitute materials.