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ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

MR. L. E. GIBSON
ELECTRODE SUPERINTENDENT

November 27, 1974 cc: Messrs. E. B. Colley/K. L. Peterson

RE: COLLECTOR BAR-POT SHELL SEAL MATERIAL PREPARATIONS

At Mr. R. M. Rose's request, the following is to advise you of the current status related to the asbestos-molasses incident of November 19, 1974.

During a telephone conversations with Mr. Ray Skinner (OSHA), Industrial Hygienist, on November 25, 1974, he said that he was obligated to inspect the work site again to see what progress we have made on the asbestos compliance. On the basis of what Mr. Skinner said, it appears that OSHA will likely make an issue of this asbestos incident. Mr. Skinner was advised that we have discontinued using asbestos for the collector bar-pot shell seal effective November 25, 1974. We are now using an asbestos free substitute.

We need to be prepared for another inspection from Mr. Skinner at any time. Even though the new material is reported as asbestos free, it is recommended that we do the following:

1. Insist that approved dust respirators be worn to provide necessary protection.
2. Insure that good housekeeping practices are maintained to keep the work area clean.
3. Investigate substitute materials composition to insure freedom from asbestos.

RUDY E. PODHORA

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November 22, 1974

Mr. Frank Longoria
306 10th Stree:
Palacios, Texas 77465

Dear Mr. Longoria:

On November 19, 1974, about 3:15 P.M., you were observed to be in the process of preparing a mixture of asbestos and mollases without wearing your respirator as required. According to Federal Regulations, Subpart "G", Article 1910.93a (Asbestos), item (i), No. 3, entitled "Employee Notification", found on page 23545 of the Federal Register dated June 27, 1974, we are obligated to advise you in writing that you possibly could have been exposed to asbestos. Should you have questions regarding this information, please feel free to discuss this with your supervisor or Dr. M. F. Jones, our Medical Director.

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Sincerely,

Rudy E. Podhora

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Environmental Control
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cc: Dr. M. F. Jones
Mr. F. A. Sharkey/Mr. L. E. Gibson
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