

September 16, 1975

Mr. George W. Sandland
Chairman CTFA Talc Subcommittee
Bristol-Myers Products
325 Long Avenue
Hillside, NJ 07207

Dear Mr. Sandland:

Pursuant to your request, we advise that in August 1971 a test program was instituted by our company to insure customers using our cosmetic grade talcs that they are free of asbestos fibers. It was determined that the use of X-ray diffraction would be the most practical method of detecting the possible presence of asbestos fibers and thus assure us of a reliable and workable means of periodic monitoring our talcs. In the event that the results of this testing showed possible positive results, the sample was further subjected to optical microscopy. In all cases the testing of our products was performed by outside independent laboratories.

Our file contains approximately 275 reports on 20 to 25 grades of cosmetic talc from areas in Alabama, North Carolina, Montana, Italy, South Korea and Vermont. These reports were based on approximately 57 ground ore samples analyzed over a period of four years. Additionally, separate tests made during this period by many of our customers supported and substantiated our test results.

We feel that the continuation of this program provides the best assurance that our cosmetic customers will receive cosmetic talcs which are free of detectable chrysotile asbestos.

Very truly yours,

WHITTAKER, CLARK & DANIELS, INC.

Frederick F. Roach
Executive Vice President

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