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Talc and the OSHA

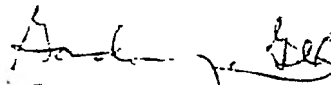
Asbestos Standard 29CFR 1910.1001

Cyprus Industrial Minerals Company's Montana talc based products are free of asbestos as defined by the OSHA Safety and Health Standards (CFR 1910.1001 (a)).

Although our California talc based products generally show no asbestos minerals at the lower limits of detectability by x-ray diffraction, they may occasionally show trace amounts (0.1% - 0.3%) of tremolite. Our program of continuing checks of airborne dust at our California Cyprus manufacturing plants indicate airborne fiber levels below the allowable TLV. In addition, these fiber checks are monitored by electron microscopy, resulting in a more accurate and sensitive test. Thus, we feel compliance is assured under the standard outlined in 1910.1001.

We attach a list of Montana and California based talcs for your reference and suggest that this letter be kept with previous correspondence on this subject. As new regulatory data is published we will provide further clarification.

Sincerely,



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Vice President
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EXHIBIT
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MONTANA BASE PRODUCTS

ALTALC 200
ALTALC 300
ALTALC 325
ALTALC 400
ALTALC 500
BEAVERWHITE 200
BEAVERWHITE 325
CYPRUFIL 200
CYPRUFIL 325
GLACIER 200
MONOBLEND
OLYMPIC
SIERRALITE II
STEAWHITE 200
SUPREME USP TALC
YELLOWSTONE

MISTRON CYPRUBOND
MISTRON CYPRUSPERSE
MISTRON EG
MISTRON FROST
MISTRON FROST COMPACTED
MISTRON MONOMIX
MISTRON RCS
MISTRON RCS #2
MISTRON SPRAY
MISTRON STAR
MISTRON SUPER FROST
MISTRON ULTRAMIX
MISTRON VAPOR
MISTRON VAPOR COMPACTED
MISTRON VAPOR COMPACTED R
MISTRON ZSC

CALIFORNIA BASE PRODUCTS

C-300
C-400
C-500
FURNACE CREEK
FURNACE CREEK COARSE
SIERRALITE
SIERRA WHITE 200
SIERRA WHITE 325
SIERRA WHITE IR

MISTRON 139
MISTRON F-128
MISTRON HGO-75
MISTRON MSC
MISTRON T-076

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