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Hopeman Brothers was a customer of asbestos panel manufacturer Johns-Manville Corporation, which began to affix "Health hazard caution warning labels on marine "Marinite" sheets in 1970. An internal ("WHY FILE THIS?") Johns-Manville memorandum noted that Hopeman Bros. was "having trouble removing labels on recent shipment." The report went on to present the following chilling picture and request from Hopeman: "customer taking about ten minutes on each sheet to remove label including final sanding." Johns-Manville reacted by using the same warning text in hand-stamped language applied on the "back of panels." (original emphasis) J-M issued a 2-page statement listing 8 issues in dust control when using Marinite products on May 1, 1970.