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In the spring of 1973, we had an OSHA inspection at the Akron joint cement operation which resulted in numerous citations concerning our handling of asbestos and consummated in fines of some $1,300 for these violations. On June 19 of last year, I wrote Jack Rauch at Akron, asking him to send a copy of the citation to the other joint cement operations so that we could proceed with corrective measures prior to an OSHA inspection at our other joint cement plants. You received a copy of this letter to Mr. Rauch.

I have just received a copy of an OSHA inspection conducted at our Chicago plant where we have received numerous citations almost identical to those we received at Akron one year ago, where we apparently did not take corrective action that is required under the law. I can understand where we might have a difference of opinion with the inspector concerning the measurement of the concentration of asbestos fibers, but it is most difficult to understand why we did not take the necessary action to provide signs, establish a respirator program and a protective clothing program which are mandatory under the regulations.

I would ask that we once again review our situation at each of the joint system plants to make certain that we are complying with the requirements under the OSHA act concerning the handling of asbestos fibers. I would also like assurance from each of the plants that they understand these requirements and that we have the necessary program and procedures instituted so that we will not have another occurrence of citations from an OSHA inspection at a joint system operation.

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