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Personnel and Organization Staff

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Subject: Shop Trial 99B 118

We do not recommend that the talc powder described on Shop Trial Report No. 99B118 be approved for purchase.

In several letters to your office, we have recommended that research efforts be directed toward substitution of non-hazardous material for talc powder or institution of alternative application methods to replace powder spraying. Failing this, it was recommended that only talc compositions with the lowest percentage of fibrous tremolite be used.

Talc powders are commercially available which have a lower fibrous content than the material described in the subject shop trial report. On February 6, 1974, it was recommended that "Beaverwhite 200" talc be considered for substitution for currently used talc powder. "Beaverwhite 200" has the lowest percentage composition of fibrous tremolite of any of the talc powders yet studied.

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