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J. ALLEN GYERSON, JR., President

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Nonferrous Smelter Subcommittee and Consultants

FROM: James R. Walpole, Assistant General Counsel

RE: EPA - CDC Study on the Effects of Smelter Emissions on Children

Last year the Environmental Protection Agency and the Center for Disease Control conducted a nationwide survey on heavy metal absorption in children living near primary copper, lead, and zinc smelters. The Agencies prepared a draft report and representatives of the industry commented on the report last August.

The report is now in its final stages of preparation. Enclosed is a copy of the report which was sent to AMC by the Environmental Protection Agency. This is not a copy of the final report. The final report will contain one substantive change along with editorial changes.

The substantive change will be a recomputation of the "mean" values in the various tables in the study. In general the recomputation will result in lower "mean" values.

The editorial changes will involve such things as the substitution of the word "comparison" for the word "control", and the word "increased" for the word "excessive".

According to a representative at EPA, the study will be published in a medical journal. He was not certain at this point which journal will publish it, but he will let me know in the near future. It is not certain when the study will be published. Since the material is almost in final form at this point, publication should not be too far away.

Enclosure