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LOSS PREVENTION DEPARTMENT

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EXHIBIT
AB-45

RE: LOSS PREVENTION - FEBRUARY 1, 1967

Dear Mr. Mallory:

Mr. W. H. Baker, Safety Director, was contacted to determine the status of the Industrial Hygiene recommendations submitted following the October 19th and 20th survey for Lead and Asbestos.

Mr. Baker reported six of the seven recommendations had been completed. The outstanding recommendation, #2, will be completed upon the arrival and installation of a new mixer.

The prompt completion of these recommendations is an indication of your plant's interest in preventing accident loss.

Employee Accident Experience

Your plant continues to produce one of the best loss records within Abax, and the best record of the larger operations.

Elevators

Am pleased to note a decision has been made to provide astragals for elevators #1 and #2.

Very truly yours,

Lee O. Gaskins
Loss Prevention Department

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cc: Mr. D. K. Rennie, Vice-President
Mr. G. A. Riley, Eastern District Safety Supervisor
Mr. W. H. Baker, Safety Director

PROGRESS IN LOSS CONTROL

During the past year, punch press and band saw hazards have been closely evaluated.

Practical recommendations for the band saw and punch presses have been submitted.

It is felt that substantial progress has been made in controlling punch press hazards. Plexiglass has been used to guard individual dies.

The Book Press Preform area has had dust collecting facilities installed to minimize the airborne asbestos exposure.

LOSS CONTROL OBJECTIVES

I. PUNCH PRESS HAZARD CONTROL

It is recommended that the punch press hazards be continually evaluated to further the control of these hazards.

Operators must be educated to always use available guards.

II. BLOK PRESS ACCIDENT CONTROL

The attached accident analysis shows a high frequency of accidents in the Blok Press Department.

Operations will be evaluated in this Department in an attempt to find ways to prevent similar accidents in the future.