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HIGH PRIORITY - ENFORCEMENT

It appears to be a good time to insure that all Mobil Chemical plants are fully cognizant of the asbestos removal rules.

Asbestos demolition operations are high on the federal and state enforcement agendas. During the first quarter of 1985, EPA and state enforcement personnel inspected 608 asbestos removal operations and issued 42 notices of violation. The U. S. Department of Justice presently has 22 active asbestos enforcement cases.

State and federal agencies are taking the asbestos demolition rules very seriously. EPA has stated that it will seek the maximum fine of \$25,000 per violation for serious infractions of the asbestos rules. Moreover, the agency will act against the owner if the asbestos demolition firm cannot afford to pay.

EPA has recommended that all who contract for asbestos removal be:

- Knowledgeable of the requirements, which are more comprehensive and demanding than many suspected;
- Check backgrounds of competing removal firms before awarding contracts;
- Spend time on the site checking the contractor since the owner will also suffer should an inspector spot a serious violation which results in a hefty fine.

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The asbestos demolition and renovation standard includes:

- Notification requirements;
- Procedures for handling and emission control;
- Waste disposal.

Enclosed is a brief summary of the associated notification requirements. Let me know if I can be of further assistance.

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