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ASBESTOS-FREE KAYLO

Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation has for many years marketed under the trademark KAYLO a calcium silicate asbestos containing high temperature product. During the manufacture and installation of KAYLO products, airborne concentrations of asbestos containing dust are generated. Because asbestos is known to cause a fibrosis of the lung called asbestosis, carcinoma of the lung tissue and malignant mesothelioma of the covering or pleura of the lung extensive, stringent and costly engineering controls and medical monitoring of exposed employees has been necessary.

In areas where engineering controls were not feasible, either in the plant or at the site of application, it has been necessary to wear protective respiratory equipment. Respirators are a poor second choice for protection of the worker.

Largely for reasons of health of exposed workers, asbestos-free KAYLO has been developed. The asbestos has been replaced with fibrous glass. To date, observation of workers - some of whom have been exposed for over thirty years - has not demonstrated chronic, adverse pulmonary effects from exposure to fibrous glass. From a medical standpoint, fibrous glass is an excellent substitute for asbestos in the KAYLO product.

If you have any questions or comments concerning the above statement would you please contact me.

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