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Patching Compounds Still Sold with Asbestos (w/Warning)

To get confirmation of May report of Georgia Pacific's continued use of asbestos with warning labels, I called up the local building products sales office of the company. Mike Bartosh said that Ready-Mix Joint Compound does contain a label to warn of asbestos hazards (322-2270).

A review of the file shows that Wards sells Bondex International patching compounds. My note on carbon of 5/17 letter to Furnari of Wards states that their joint sealing compound carries labeling noting the presence of asbestos; no label on spackle compound. Bondex International's "Metro" spackling compound had 4-6% tremolite asbestos when examined by Art Rohl (letter from Rohl to Bondex attached to my note of 4/14/76).

Earliest report of use of warning label was Rutland Fire Clay Co. letter to Raftery, 6/10/75, attached to my note of 4/14/76.

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CONSTITUENTS IN CONSUMER SPACKLING AND PATCHING COMPOUNDS

BRAND NAME	CONSTITUENTS											
	Anthophyllite	Calcite	Chrysotile	Dolomite	Feldspar	Kaolinite	Mica	Plaster of Paris	Pyrophyllite	Quartz	Talc	Tremolite
Perf A Tape*		+	+ (6-8%**)	X		X	X			+	X	
Red Top*		X						X				
USG Texolite*		+					X	X				
Muralo*		X				+	+	X	X	X		
Metro								X		+	X	X (4-6%)
Perf A Tape		+	+ (6-8%)	X		+	X					
Arvon	X (10-12%)				+					X		
Patch Paste		X								X		
Schalk		X								X		
USG Texolite			+ (6-10%)	X		X	X					
U-G-L Cerfex		X					+	X		X		
Muralo		X					+	X	X	X		
Kex		X					+	X				
"New Kex"						+				X		
DAP		X										

* Purchased in 1972 or prior--others purchased in January 1974 (Because the samples were purchased in 1974 or earlier, the products available on the market today may contain different constituents.)

** Asbestos minerals, where present, have been noted and a determination of their quantity has been indicated

X Major components

\+ Substances present in relatively small quantities