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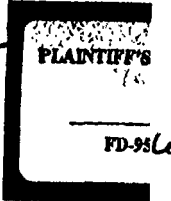
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Subject: Carcinogens Task Force Report to E & R and M & S Subcommittees

We have reviewed the subject report and are in general agreement with its contents except for the recommended strategy timetable. BEPE cannot agree to eliminate asbestos, selected chromium compounds and benzene by Job #1, 1985. Such a commitment has far reaching headcount and expenditure ramifications. For example, we have estimated that 7.5 man years and over \$200K would be required to investigate, test and approve asbestos substitutes in sealers and adhesives. There are no known suitable substitutes for the chromates used in primer paints and the timetable and expenditures required to develop substitutes cannot be quantified at this time. In view of the current budget limitations we may be unable to comply with CEPL #10 which puts forth a goal of eliminating asbestos in newly designed components while avoiding the commitment to a strict timetable. We do agree that where elimination cannot be contained, design, process and exposure controls must continue.

It should be noted that BEPE did not participate in the classification of asbestos materials into the A, B and C groups shown on page 9f. Most of our sealer and adhesive applications require considerable development and long term test programs before suitable substitutes can be identified.

Also, the words "was tedious and inexact" in the first sentence on page 8 should be deleted.

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