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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

GP-955

to *See Below location

from G. W. Green location Tigard

subject Proposed Rule Changes - Occupational Exposure to Asbestos date October 24, 1975

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3. Definition: The new definition of an asbestos fiber: "Asbestos fiber means a particulate form of asbestos, longer than five micrometers, with a length to diameter ratio of at least three to one and a maximum diameter of five micrometers. The previous definition did not define a maximum diameter.

4. Roster: Only authorized persons may be allowed to enter a regulated area, and a daily roster of all persons entering the area shall be maintained. This roster must be kept for at least forty years. A regulated area is any area where the above limits may be exceeded.

5. Monitoring: If either of the two limits are exceeded, air samples must be taken once a month. If the limits are met, samples must be taken at least once each three months. However, if two consecutive monitorings show levels below the limits, then monitoring need not be repeated. The records must be kept at least forty years.

   At present, monitoring must be done at least every six months.

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