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Booklet - "What Every Employee
Should Know About Asbestos"

As part of our continuing program to increase the awareness of our employees to the various asbestos health issues, I would suggest that the enclosed booklet from Johns-Manville be distributed to all employees of King City. This booklet has been reviewed by the Law Dept. (P. J. Morgan), the Medical Dept. (J. J. Welsh) and M&M Employee Relations (W. J. Kovack). To address the objections raised by Dr. Welsh, Bill Kovack drafted the attached cover letter for distribution with the booklet. This cover letter should be stapled to each booklet.

W. C. Thurber

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Attachment

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Dear Fellow Employees:

We have all read and heard a great deal about the potential hazards of asbestos and more specifically air borne asbestos fiber. Since asbestos is the basis for our products here in King City, I know we all share a concern as to how this affects us.

I am therefore enclosing a booklet that has been prepared by a major manufacturer in the asbestos business that I think you will find most informative on this subject. As you will read in the booklet "...you have no greater chance of getting bronchogenic cancer than the average person not occupationally exposed to asbestos who does not smoke." If this statement is true, the message is pretty clear we will be better off if we don't smoke.

I would like to add one note of caution, however. The inhalation of excessive quantities of free asbestos fibers over prolonged periods of time can increase the risk of developing certain diseases of the lungs -- even to nonsmokers. The best prevention is to follow the safety rules and regulations that we have established to meet these potential hazards.

If you have any questions on this subject, at any time, feel free to ask them of your supervisor or me personally.

Sincerely,

F. H. Larrison, Jr.
Manager - King City Operations

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