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USE OF BLUE FIBER (CROCIDOLITE)

Blue fiber was imported into the United States at least at early as 1916. Government publications for that year show that 1184 tons were imported.

Johns-Manville has used blue fiber in only two of its product lines:

- (1) asbestos-cement pipe, and
- (2) packings (this includes sheet, braided, rope, and cloth-type products).

The use of blue fiber in asbestos-cement pipe in JM started in the Waukegan, Illinois plant in 1929-30. With regard to packings, our records show that blue fiber was used in sheet packing in 1929. We can find no records which verify an earlier use of blue fiber in our packings.

We have not used blue fiber in insulations to our knowledge.

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