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March 23, 1977

Mr. W. P. Fliege
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Dear Mr. Fliege:

I have been asked to reply to your inquiry concerning procedures for monitoring airborne asbestos fiber concentrations on a job site.

If the purpose of the monitoring is to determine compliance with the OSHA asbestos standard, the only approved procedure is the membrane filter/ personal air sampler technique specified by the standard.

If you need specific information as to the NIOSH developed/OSHA approved technique, please contact me and I will be pleased to forward to you a description of the procedure.

Very truly yours,

Edmund M Lenner

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May 16, 1977

Mr. W. P. Fliege
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Dear Mr. Fliege:

It is obvious that my letter of March 23, 1977 does not address the problem discussed in your letter to me of May 12, 1977.

There is no simple method that your field engineers can use to identify asbestos insulation prior to removal. The simplest laboratory procedure would involve examination of a sample by a petrographic microscopist.

A great majority of the pipe and block insulations manufactured prior to 1972 contained asbestos. The best advice I can give is to examine a small piece of the insulation and if it appears to contain fibrous reinforcement, assume that the fibrous material is asbestos.

Very truly yours,

Edmund M Fenner

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June 27, 1977

Mr. John Hopkins
Project Engineer
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Circuit Protective Devices
Product Department
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Plainville, CT 06062

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

As requested in your letter of June 15, 1977, I enclose Material Safety Data Sheets (Form OSHA-20) for the following Johns-Manville products:

FLEXBOARD
TRANSITE

Asbestocite A and FLEXBOARD are identical products.

Very truly yours,

Edmund M Fenner

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