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U.S. Department of Labor Occupational Safety and Health Administration
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Reply to the attention of:

GEORGE J. TOMCHICK, JR.
Area Director

October 27, 1992

CERTAINTEED CORPORATION
Attn: Safety & Health Department
P. O. Box 860
Valley Forge, PA 17482

RE: OSHA Referral No. 901056655

Dear Sir or Madam:

On October 14, 1992, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) received a referral from the State of Washington, Division of Industrial Safety and Health, regarding occupational safety and health hazards involving your worksite in Valley Forge, PA.

The specific nature of the alleged hazards is as follows:

Asbestos cement pipe adaptors manufactured by Certainteed and sold in the State of Washington are not provided an asbestos warning label on either the adaptor itself or the cardboard container in which the adapters are marketed. It is noted that the use of these adaptors and associated asbestos containing cement pipe may result in exposure to airborne asbestos during conditions of use.

Asbestos labeling and Hazard Communication Standard labeling requirements are not being met.

We have not determined whether the hazards, as indicated, exist at your workplace; and we do not intend to conduct an inspection at this time. However, since allegations of violations have been made, you are requested to investigate the alleged conditions and make any necessary corrections or modifications. Within 30 days of your receipt of this letter, please advise me in writing of the results of your investigation. Please provide any supporting documentation of your findings, including any applicable measurements or monitoring results, and photographs which you believe would be helpful, as well as a description of any corrective action you have

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taken or are in the process of taking, including photographs of the corrected condition.

The State of Washington has been advised of this preliminary response to this alleged hazard and has been furnished a copy of this letter.

This letter is not a citation or a notification of proposed penalty which, according to the OSH Act, may be issued only after an inspection or investigation of the workplace. If we do not receive a response from you within 30 calendar days indicating that appropriate action has been taken or that no hazard exists and why, an inspection may be conducted.

Please note, however, that OSHA selects for inspection a random sample of cases where we have received letters in which employers have indicated satisfactory corrective action. This policy has been established to ensure that employers have actually taken the action asserted in their letters.

Finally, any action taken by you in this matter will not automatically remove your workplace from the possibility of an unannounced inspection by duly authorized representatives of OSHA in accordance with routine scheduling procedures currently in effect.

In addition to its function of inspecting workplaces, the OSHA Area Office has been expanded to become a full service resource center, offering a wide range of safety and health related services in response to the needs of the working public, both employers and employees. These services include training and education, consultation, voluntary compliance programs and assistance in correcting hazards.

You are requested to post a copy of this letter and your response to it where it will be readily accessible for review by all your employees.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact the Area Office at the address in the letterhead. Your personal support and interest in the safety and health of your employees is appreciated.

Very truly yours,



LEONARD J. RENNER
Compliance Program Manager

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