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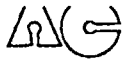
Dear Mr. Orr:

This letter is a follow up to your conversation with Mr. Wade Miller regarding the safety of A/C pipe for the conveyance of potable water.

To reiterate, there are no federal (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency) standards regulating in any way the use of A/C water pipe or the asbestos content of potable water. Since the finding of asbestos-like fibers in Lake Superior in 1973, the Agency has researched this matter extensively via epidemiologic and animal studies. None of those studies have concluded that there is a cause and effect relationship between asbestos and drinking water and any disease. Moreover, the World Health Organization does not have, nor has it proposed, a standard or a maximum contaminant level for asbestos in drinking water or standards restricting the use of A/C pipe.

Please find enclosed one copy of the following items:

1. An information package on A/C pipe. This includes a chronology of scientific and medical research investigating the safety of A/C pipe, a question and answers reference, an A/C pipe glossary and an Association booklet addressing the asbestos and health issue.
2. Four issues of "A/C Advisory."
3. A Study of the Problem of Asbestos in Drinking Water published by the American Water Works Association.
4. A summary of the findings of recent studies on asbestos in drinking water, including copies of the Smith et al and Hilding et al studies.
5. "A/C Pipe - Assessment of Advocacy?" published by Water Engineering and Management magazine.



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6. Correspondence from EPA Region VI regarding asbestos
in drinking water.

The Association would be pleased to provide any of the scientific references cited
in the above documents. On behalf of the A/C pipe industry, we appreciate your concern
in this matter and stand ready to assist you with any further questions you may have.

Very truly yours,

A/C PIPE PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION


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