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NOTE:
NOT OK

Dear Mr. Yopes:

Due to numerous comments of varied Government Services involved, we have revised the area of the Strategic and Critical Materials Storage Manual pages giving more emphasis to "health precautions to be taken" in the handling of asbestos.

The proposed changes are as follows:

PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN

- (a) Health - Asbestosis and other serious lung diseases are attributed to the inhalation of asbestos dust, usually over a long period of time. Strict precautions must be taken by personnel exposed to asbestos dust due to handling asbestos in bulk, in unlined burlap bags, or in damaged paper-lined bags. Such personnel must wear at all times a filter-type respirator in first class condition, and outer work clothes that will not be worn outside the area in which work is being performed. Personnel must either take showers or wash thoroughly before leaving the premises. Work clothes worn for this purpose should be washed at the depot.

Please review and submit your comments by January 31, if possible.

Sincerely,

VICTOR E. JOHNSON
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