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Dear Jim,

Our collective mind (mine and two different analysis in the lab) is made up. NYTAL 300 and NYTAL 400 contain asbestos fibers.

Using two different analytical methods, 1) dispersion staining microscopy and 2) polarizing light microscopy, asbestos was determined in each sample. Six analyses were done for each product and each method (a total of twelve per product, 24 in all). The results of these qualitative and quantitative analyses indicate that approximately 35% of the NYTAL 300 was asbestos fibers (anthrophyllite and tremolite) and that approximately 46% of NYTAL 400 was fibrous anthrophyllite and tremolite asbestos. Analytically we expect that our quantification of percent could be off by no more than plus or minus 5%.

As we discussed on the phone I don't think that workers at the plant have any significant exposure potential. The limited use (once per week) and the rotation of workers using the product substantially reduce the potential for a health hazard to exist. It would be prudent to test this hypothesis by air sampling and analysis during the "dumping" process.

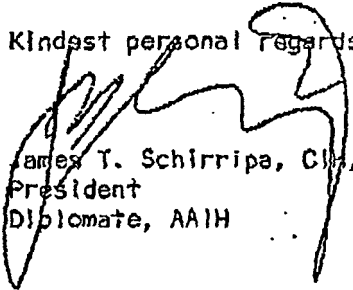
I've enclosed the results of our recent solvent vapor study. Please call me to discuss the questions I know you'll have!

The invoice that is enclosed is for administrative purposes only. Since I feel that I was recalcitrant in my responsibilities to you and International Paint in not

following up on the initial study. I hope this will make
it up to you.

I hope our work has been of assistance to you and
your staff.

Kindest personal regards,



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