

ZONOLITE

CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS DIVISION

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PLAINTIFF'S
EXHIBIT

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This is to certify that no commercial asbestos is used in the manufacture of MONOKOTE® 5. Further, any trace contaminants of naturally occurring forms of asbestos in MONOKOTE, are bound in the in-place MONOKOTE so as to prevent asbestos fibers from entering the environment.

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TO: ZONOLITE Sales Organization
J. V. McKague/Ajax
J. H. Greer/Vermiculite-Products, Inc.
L. K. Irvine/Vermiculite-Intermountain, Inc.
J. B. Robinson/Robinson Insulation Company
A. D. Webster/F. Hyde & Company, Ltd.
J. L. Wright/Southwest Vermiculite Co., Inc.

SUBJ: Concerns of Health Hazards From In-Place Asbestos Containing Construction Materials (Reference also memo of January 25, 1977 re Cafco Advertisement.)

cc: B. A. Blessington
H. C. Duecker
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About a month ago a nationally televised news story reported on the schools in New Jersey which had been closed because of a concern to the health of students from asbestos fibers. Apparently, high school students were able to damage the sprayed asbestos fiber acoustical material in corridors. The concern was that fibers were being released to the air.

Because of this news story, a number of building owners are raising questions regarding safety of occupants in buildings that have fireproofing or other sprayed materials which contain asbestos. We have received several questions where MONOKOTE[®] is involved.

Prior to mid-1973, MONOKOTE (MK-3) was formulated with 10% to 15% commercial asbestos. However, because in-place MONOKOTE is a hard plaster-like material, it is our opinion that in-place MK-3 poses no health hazard to building occupants.

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Our present MONOKOTE formulations, as you know, are manufactured without the use of any commercial asbestos. Therefore, buildings which have been sprayed with either MK-4 or MK-5 will obviously not have the problem of asbestos coming from the in-place MONOKOTE.

We have had several requests from architects for "certification" regarding the in-place properties of MONOKOTE. For your reference, attached is the certification statement which we have used to respond to these requests. Should you receive similar requests, please refer these to your regional manager.


B. R. Williams

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