

ASARCO

El Paso Plant
L. W. Castor, Unit Manager

July 31, 2000

Chuck Burton
West Vac Services
6004 N. Mesa
El Paso TX 79912

Dear Mr. Burton,

On approximately July 12th, 2000 WestVac employees Ben Reyes and Celso Garcia were involved in tearing down a pipe rack located at the old Sulfur Pilot plant. While in the process of tearing down the rack, insulation was found, removed, and bagged. On July 20th, a sample was collected and sent in for asbestos analysis. The material was found to contain 25-30% chrysotile. The pipe rack was not known to contain ACM (Asbestos Containing Material).

The El Paso Plant strives to meet OSHA 29 CFR 1926.1101 asbestos regulations. Please review the standard to ensure compliance with the regulation and that employee training requirements are being met.

Sincerely,


P. Munsell
Safety & Health Director

CC: G. Parham