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Subject: Identifying "In-Place" Asbestos Material Applications

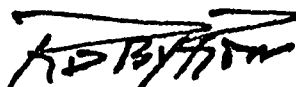
When the majority of our plants were built, materials with considerable asbestos content were extensively utilized in heating systems, steam generation and distribution facilities, insulation of process equipment, etc. We recognize that an organized program for immediate removal and approved material replacement is economically impractical and a low order of priority since in a static "in-place" situation, the material does not ordinarily represent a health hazard.

The risk associated with present asbestos applications is in conjunction with the invasion of the material.

It is our judgement that, from a risk management and safety program accountability standpoint, it is incumbent upon us to identify known asbestos application sites in a manner and with sufficient adequacy as to alert employees who might have an occasion to intrude upon the material.

The purpose of this communication is to formally propose the development of a Corporate stationery stores asbestos alert form designed to be a combination tag and/or self-sticking decal. The caution legend to be similar in application context to the electrical power warning decals presently used throughout the Company. The decals and tags would have the additional benefit of identifying employee accountability for program participation and would offer further visual evidence of an ongoing health and safety program.

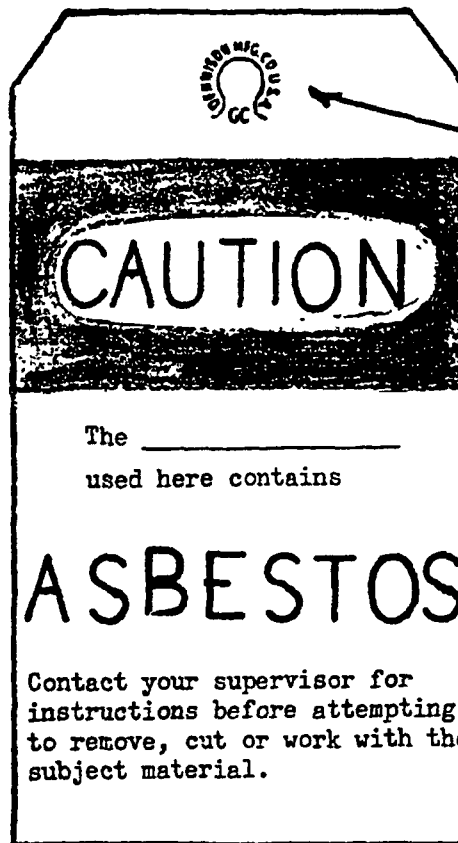
As a further aid in understanding the nature of this proposal, we have attached a possible asbestos alert decal format.


R. D. Byrom

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Attachment

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Hole for string or
wire when used as
a tag

Peelable adhesive backing
for use as decal

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