

Rio Grande Valley Citrus Winery
Progreso, Texas

SEP 28 1973

Honorable John Tower
United States Senator
1116 Northwest Street
Dallas, Texas 75202

Dear Senator Tower:

Our General Director, Mr. Philip White, has asked us to write to you on behalf of Mr. Billy H. Davis, Progreso, Texas, regarding asbestos fillers.

We believe the enclosed reprint from the Federal Register containing asbestos particles in food and drugs will be responsive to Mr. Davis' inquiry.

If we can be of further assistance, please let us know.

Sincerely yours,

Arnold E. Meyer, Director
Office of Legislative Services

2 Inclosures
Constituent's letter
Document - Asbestos

cc: Your Washington Office
(w/cy Constituent's letter)
cc: Congressional Liaison Office
cc: DAL-DO (Mr. Philip White)
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1114 COMMERCE STREET
DALLAS, TEXAS 75202

United States Senate

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Respectfully referred to

..... Mr. Philip White, Regional Director

Food and Drug Administration
for such consideration as the communication
herewith submitted may warrant, and for a report
thereon, in duplicate to accompany return of
inclosure. To: (Miss) Rafael Joseffy, Staff
Assistant to

By direction of

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John Tower

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Rio Grande Valley Citrus Winery

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August 27, 1973

Hon. John Tower
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Tower:

I would like to get your opinion on a matter that could possibly affect my business in the future. As the spiraling inflation leaps ahead and costs seem to increase almost daily, I would like to know the projected outcome of the recent attacks on asbestos.

I am in the business of making wine, and recently one of the materials that I use has come under investigation by the alarmist environmentalists. I have reference to asbestos filter aids. I was talking with one of my suppliers recently (F-M Co., Houston) and I was told that even though no asbestos residues have ever been found in the r products, the Texas breweries have ceased to use asbestos filter media for fear of having several million bottles of beer in inventory when an edict might be issued condemning all products made using asbestos filters. I would like to know what research is being done on this subject and what the projected outcome is. Since I have quite a bit of this material on hand and anticipate buying more, I need to know if I will be purchasing something that will be illegal to use.

Nearly all companies involved with materials of this nature which must be filtered use, as final filtration, filters which remove organisms or compounds even smaller than .65 Micron. My wine is filtered, in final filtration, with a membrane type (non-asbestos) with maximum pore size of .65 Micron. This filter cartridge is made by the Millipore Company of New York. How any fiber or particle of asbestos could pass through that-- is beyond me. However, having been the victim of irrational people before, I would like to avoid and prevent any loss of time or money if at all possible.

I will greatly appreciate your help and consideration.

Please advise as soon as possible. Thank You,

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