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TO WESTERN E&P - SAFETY & ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION - MANAGER

FROM INDUSTRIAL HYGIENIST - DEPARTMENT OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH - HEAD OFFICE

SUBJECT USE OF VISBESTOS IN DRILLING MUD

I have reviewed the information on Visbestos which you sent to us. As I noted in our discussion on the telephone, if you decide to use this material in drilling mud because of the strong financial incentive involved, we would recommend that air sampling be done to comply with OSHA. We should not rely on the air sampling information supplied by Montello. Mr. F. M. Parker, III, Shell's Regional Industrial Hygienist for the western part of the U.S., has the equipment and training necessary to do this sampling in Utah. Mr. R. K. Jones is the Regional Industrial Hygienist covering Michigan. I cover Texas and Oklahoma.

Also, as we discussed on the telephone, if the asbestos material is used, there will be additional expenses over and above those involved in air sampling which you should consider. These expenses are as follows:

1. Analytical expenses ($20-$30 per sample).

2. Expenses involved in any special work practices established for handling asbestos (respiratory protection, wet handling, cleanup).

3. Expenses involved in any medical surveillance program established (see Dr. Joyner's and Mr. Kusnetz' memorandum of November 17, 1972 which you received).

Please call me if I can be of any further assistance in this matter.

Original signed by D. P. Atwood

D. P. Atwood

cc - Messrs. H. L. Kusnetz
F. M. Parker, III ← THIS COPY FOR
R. K. Jones

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