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SUBJECT : INSULATION, IDENTITY IN 350H1-2 PENTHOUSE

REFERENCE :

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT
MON-2234

TO : F.B. Burns

Three types of insulation were found to be in existence inside the penthouse area of 350H1-2. Two of these were determined to be of non-asbestos material, but the third was questionable. In conversations with the insulator foreman and other insulators, this insulation was identified by them to be "Pabco", a material with fiberglass used as a binder. The decision was made to send this to an outside lab for identification. The results were positive for asbestos (5 - 10% concentration).

This verifies what we have seen on several occasions; that there is asbestos insulation that fools the insulators. The flame test used to identify insulation is of questionable value and we in Industrial Hygiene have difficulty with it. This has been used by insulators on insulation with a negative result for asbestos and upon submission for analysis to the lab this same insulation proved to be 100% asbestos.

The only positive way to identify some materials is to have the analysis done by a qualified lab. We in Industrial Hygiene will help in the identity work by both on site assistance and if necessary obtaining outside lab positive identification.

Call us if you have any questions.

D.C. Leitner

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What action is recommended following this conclusion
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