PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT
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EPA REGION 6 COMMENTS ON SAFETY OF ASBESTOS CEMENT

FOR: Client Approval

U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6, headquartered in Dallas, Texas recently stated that no conclusive evidence links the ingestion of asbestos in drinking water to gastrointestinal cancer.

In an official response to questions regarding the potential health effects of asbestos in drinking water Mac A. Weaver, Acting Chief of the Water Supply Branch reported:

> *"Based on our findings, we do not believe the citizens ... are subject to any measurable health risk from asbestos in their drinking water."*
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> *"Because of the acknowledged health problems related to asbestos inhaled and/or ingested by workers in occupational exposure, it is natural for people to extend this concern to other exposures. EPA and the scientific community have felt that extensive study is justified to determine if there is a level at which asbestos in drinking water might represent a measurable risk to public health. No conclusive scientific evidence has yet linked gastrointestinal cancer incidence with ingestion of asbestos through drinking water."*

Weaver added that the presence of asbestos fibers in drinking water may result from naturally-occurring sources in the ground water or from asbestos-cement (A/C) pipe when highly corrosive waters are conveyed.