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BC Notes: Firestone I.H. J. Eric Mehler to Akron Plant Managers asking about safeguards when asbestos insulation is installed, repaired or removed (respirators, local exhaust ventilation); asks if outside contractors are used for this work

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MAY 21, 1973

TO ALL AKRON PLANT MANAGERS
BARBERTON
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FROM J. ERIC MEHLER

REFERRING TO LETTER OF

SUBJECT

This past week it has been brought to our attention that one of our plants that we had thought was using outside contractors to remove and install asbestos type insulation was in fact using company men to do this work. It was found at that time that the Threshold Limit Value and Ceiling concentrations for airborne asbestos dust were exceeded. In order to bring us up to date on the removal of old asbestos insulation and the installation of new insulation in our area plants, please answer the following questions and return them to us by June 1, 1973.

1. When making repairs on asbestos insulation, and it is removed, is it replaced with a non-asbestos type insulation?

2. Are all new needs of insulation met by using a non-asbestos type insulation?

3. Do you use outside contractors to remove or install asbestos type insulation?

4. If you are using your own men to do this work, how many are involved, and how often and for how long does each man engage himself in this work?

5. If and when any asbestos insulation is installed or removed, what type of respiratory protection is used?

6. When removing old adbestos insulation or tooling and installing new asbestos insulation is local exhaust ventilation provided to remove the free asbestos dust?

J. Eric Mehler

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