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Harry J. Damare, Plant Manager, New Or

Booklet - "Caution:Asbestos Dust"

In your letter of October 24, 1973, you advised that I would receive 270 copies of the booklet, "Caution:Asbestos Dust", and you suggested that they be distributed to all employees at the New Orleans. You further stated that if I disagree to advise.

Bill, I have read the booklet and in my opinion it would be a mistake to distribute these to our employees. Listed below are some of my reasons:

Page 6 - The booklet on this page states that families and friends of asbestos workers may be exposed to dust carried home on work clothing. I think that the employees would feel that the Company should be responsible for every illness in their household.

Page 10- The booklet states that special clothing, either fabric or resin coated paper, should be worn - includes full suits, coveralls, head covers, gloves, foot covering. Again, I think the Union Committee would request that we furnish this special clothing to every employee who may become contaminated with asbestos dust.

Page 10- On the bottom of this page it states that you should use a vacuum to clean your garments before removing them and placing them in a designated container. Use special change rooms to change clothes. Again, the Union Committee would request that special change rooms be made available to employees.

Page 12- Item 4 on this page states - "Report hazardous conditions, i.e., unusual high dust levels, need for equipment to supervisors." Again, we would be receiving numerous requests from employees for additional dust collector systems, additional vacuum cleaners, etc., etc.

I also requested that Roy Crob read this booklet and give me his opinion. Roy states very emphatically that this booklet should not be given to our employees. He feels that if we give this booklet out the Union Committee would request and demand not only the above items but many others.

I have not distributed a single copy of this booklet and it is my recommendation that these booklets be destroyed and not distributed to our employees.

Harry J. Damare

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