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*Interoffice
Correspondence*

to W. B. Hoffman

date January 4, 1979

from Director of Safety

subject Spray-O-Lyte Meeting
January 3, 1979

Those in attendance at the above meeting were:

R. D. Bauer
W. S. Eikenberry
E. W. Fordyce, Jr.
R. J. Freidheim
L. F. Meger
J. Volk.

Each of the Spray-O-Lyte inquiries were reviewed and discussed, resulting in an agreed format response to answer these, as well as future inquiries.

Replies will be handled by J. Volk and will be of a low profile nature and not an elaborative nature.

We further agreed that we would not supply a Material Safety Data Sheet (M.S.D.S.) on the discontinued product Spray-O-Lyte, nor would we include the percentage of composition of asbestos in any of our replies.

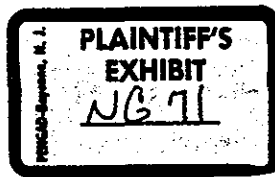
R. J. Freidheim is sending a notice to all district managers, plant managers and directors within the Charlotte office, advising them to direct all product inquiries to the attention of W. S. Eikenberry, who will forward them to J. Volk at Research. This same notice is to alert our switchboard personnel to direct product inquiries to W. S. Eikenberry.

We will have to wait and see if our answers satisfy the individuals making inquiries. If they do not, and more specific information is requested, most assuredly J. Volk will advise everyone concerned on the next course of action to take.

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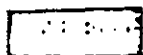
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November 1, 1972

Gentlemen:

As a producer of cement asbestos products, National Gypsum Company wishes to alert its customers to the new Federal Regulations which apply to the handling of asbestos-containing materials.

Pursuant to the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA), "Standards for Exposure to Asbestos Dust" were published in the Federal Register on June 7, and became effective July 7, 1972. On shipments of certain cement asbestos products we will subsequently include a "Caution Notice", a copy of which is enclosed.

The asbestos fibers in all Gold Bond cement asbestos products have been modified by a bonding agent, Portland Cement. However, you should be aware that certain methods of cutting, sanding, etc. of cement asbestos products may produce asbestos dust in excess of the levels prescribed by the Standards and certain safety precautions should be taken. Prolonged breathing of asbestos dust may be harmful, particularly to cigarette smokers. Once cement asbestos products are installed, and under normal use, they present no known health risk to the user or the general public.

Testing laboratories such as those on the attached partial list, can help you determine whether your operation meets the requirements of OSHA (time-weighted average concentrations of asbestos fibers longer than 5 micrometers are not to exceed 5 fibers per cubic centimeter of air, permitted until July 1, 1976--after this date only 2 fibers will be permitted. The standard also establishes a ceiling of 10 fibers, not to be exceeded at any time.)

Also, you will find attached partial lists of sources of dust collecting equipment, including hand tools, and personnel respirators meeting the requirements. There are many others; possibly one in your locality.

If you have any questions regarding the details or requirements of the new dust standards, we would suggest you contact the industry clearing house for further information in this matter, address as follows:

Asbestos Information Association/North America
22 East 40th Street, Suite 1611
New York, N. Y. 10016

Attn: Mr. Matthew M. Swetonic, Executive Secretary
Phone (212) 689-3378

Very truly yours,



GOLD BOND BUILDING PRODUCTS
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