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PROPOSED ENGINEERING STANDARD S4T - ASBESTOS

In reply to your letter of November 15 on the subject standard asking for comments on the section covering medical examinations, we would reiterate an earlier recommendation that the section on medical examinations be limited to a reference to the appropriate section of the OSHA regulation on asbestos which prescribes the minimal requirements for complying with the standard. These include such things as history, physical examinations (types, frequency, and items to be included), and records.

Paraphrasing the OSHA regulations on medical examinations in the Du Pont engineering standard may serve only to confuse the plant physicians since in many instances the government standards are not as stringent as those our doctors are practicing currently. Therefore, they may feel that the standard is advocating a change in the procedures and practices presently being followed in the Company medical program. In most cases, these deviations would be undesirable since they would weaken rather than strengthen our medical program.

One point that should be considered if specific OSHA regulations concerning medical examinations are referenced in Du Pont engineering standards is a means of routinely furnishing our plant physicians a copy of the pertinent regulation.

Please let me know if you have any further questions on this matter.

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