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Dear Mr. O'Rourke:

Over the past few years, Dow has been exploring new means of identifying impurities in our products. At the Chlorine Institute meeting February 5, 1975 in New Orleans, Dr. R. J. Moolenaar of Dow will present the attached report which discusses one of our latest advancements in analytical technology. This new method has provided us with previously unavailable information on minute quantities of asbestos fibers in Caustic Soda.

At most, our scientists believe that only trace quantities of asbestos may exist in products as a result of contacting Caustic. Medical authorities have stated they do not view the ingestion of small amounts of asbestos (particularly short fiber asbestos--as these are) as a health risk.

As part of our continuing product stewardship program, we are revealing details of this research and notifying directly those in industry and government who might be interested in the subject.

Because you might be reading about this work in the trade press, I thought you would be interested in seeing a copy of the paper as it was presented. We have enlisted the assistance of Bill Nelson, Research & Development group leader in my department, to help answer any questions you and others in your company might have about this new research. Please feel free to contact Bill at 517/636-5528 or 636-3170.

Very truly yours,

John Stevenson

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