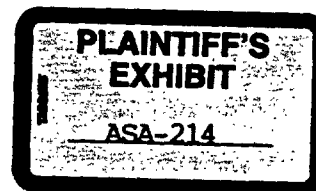


ASARCO Incorporated
Legal Department



M.O. Varner
Salt Lake City

January 17, 1977

Re: Asbestos Health Warnings

Mr. Hennebach has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday, January 26, 1977 at 2:30 P.M. to finalize a position on the various documents (bag label, letter to customers, employee booklet and sales documentation) that have been under consideration for some months. I would strongly suggest that Dr. White, because he has been involved in the ongoing consideration of the asbestos health problem, plan to attend.

I am enclosing a copy of a recently-received study by NIOSH¹ relating to OSHA's proposed standard of 0.5 fibers per cc 8-hour time weighted average. Does this study affect your and Dr. White's thinking concerning the adequacy of a 2-fiber atmosphere to protect against malignancy? Does it alter your view as to the role which smoking may play in inducing lung cancer? Does it alter the recommendations you have made to date concerning what we should say to adequately convey an accurate health warning in the various documents under consideration?

Any other comments you and Dr. White deem relevant would be appreciated so that they can be taken into account in the preparation of final documents for the meeting on the 26th.

RED/gs
Attachment

Robert E. Dennam

Copies:
K.W. Nelson
C.H. Hine
E.A. Farrell

1 "Re-examination and Update of Information on the Health Effects of Occupational Exposure to Asbestos."