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Mr. Nathan Willens, Supervisor
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160 North La Salle Street
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Dear Mr. Willens:

N.I.O.S.H. has been involved in a study of the Pittsburgh Corning Corporation amosite asbestos thermal pipe insulation plant in Tyler, Texas. Union Asbestos and Rubber Company originally opened this plant in Tyler, Texas in 1954, and Pittsburgh Corning acquired the plant in 1962. Environmental surveys in 1967, 1970, and 1971 yielded excessive asbestos fiber concentrations. A recent medical survey yielded a high prevalence of asbestos-related pulmonary abnormalities.

UMARCO opened a plant in Cicero, Illinois in 1926, and another plant was opened in Bloomington, Illinois in 1951. Do you have any information on the type of asbestos used and the kinds of products manufactured in these plants? Are the plants still in production, and what environmental data does your agency have?

If I can be of further help, please write or call 513-634-3236.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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