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Asbestos Standard

Dear Mr. Kovack:

It seems that we are all in full agreement concerning the asbestos standard. The B.C.O.A. Committee has already informed NIOSH of our concern for making it a two fiber standard; but as I indicated, I do not believe it will change their minds.

As you know, the Occupational Safety and Health Law provides for a five fiber standard until 1976, when it becomes a two fiber standard. There is one difference, however: The ceiling value of ten fibers per cc in the OSHA Law does not specify a time limit whereas in the Coal Mine Law it will specify that an individual can be exposed to ten fibers for a half hour. To some extent this balances out the two fiber requirement in our opinion.

Very truly yours,

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