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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT
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DATE: February 8, 1974

TO: Mr. E. B. Hollingsworth — LOCATION: Wilmington

FROM: J. D. Rauch — LOCATION: Akron

SUBJECT: O. S. H. A. ASBESTOS REINSPECTION

On February 1, 1974, we sent the O.S.H.A. area director a required 30 day progress report on asbestos fiber control. In this report I indicated that we would have our permanent engineering controls completed and in full use by 2/11/74.

I have now been advised by O.S.H.A. that we can expect an O.S.H.A. reinspection on 2/11/74 or shortly thereafter. In this regard we plan to curtail Joint System production on 2/9/73 and clean up the entire work area.

My main concern is regarding their requirement that we, "Establish a personal monitoring program to determine, at 6 month intervals, the concentration of asbestos dust." Our last series of tests cost us nearly $1,000 and were unacceptable by O.S.H.A. I have requested O.S.H.A. to supply me with the names of consultants to run the required tests that would be acceptable. A list of consultants has been supplied, see attached. But to quote the area director,"the results would not be acceptable to determine O.S.H.A. compliance." So it would appear that we should take steps to have the tests conducted in as inexpensive a manner as possible. We need to know for our own purposes how our controls are working, but we do not need to have a high priced consultant and laboratory to lend credit to the tests if tests other than by O.S.H.A. will be unacceptable.

I believe we will pass this inspection with no real problem. However, I was in hope that we could have a 6 month self inspection program and not look forward to regular visits from O.S.H.A. Inspectors. Now it would appear that we can expect regular testing by O.S.H.A. until we remove asbestos from all of our products.

The attached list of consultants may be of some value to our other operations, but they should realize that tests other than by O.S.H.A. are not acceptable to the Department of Labor.

We will keep you advised regarding the outcome of the 2/11/74 inspection.

J. D. R.

cc: Mr. H. W. Peele - Wilm.
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