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Ms. L. B. Bates
Mr. J. R. Knauss ✓

cc: R. E. Donley
D. S. Fisher
R. I. Rice

Subject: Vacuum Approvals for Asbestos Dust Removal

Ref: J. R. Knauss Memo dated November 16, 1973
L. B. Bates note dated January 3, 1974

The subject of health-protective measures regarding airborne asbestos particulates was first brought to our attention through an employee suggestion submitted by Mr. Charles Bertram on 1-18-73 (FCS72-678). We concurred in the suggestion of using a vacuum for removal of brake lining dust (containing asbestos particulates) and have experimented with various cleaners to accomplish this purpose. The subject suggestion was resubmitted 1-8-74. We believe that an award should be forwarded to Mr. Bertram in the near future.

Upon receipt of Mr. Knauss' memo, we are taking the appropriate steps to properly identify the current unit being used for this purpose. Noted precautionary measures are also in place, particularly in removing and cleaning the vacuum unit. We would like to defer obtaining a Sears product until such time Rotunda will offer adapters to our product line.

A meeting was held today with Mr. J. Doyle, who is our Rotunda supplier, and both the retrieval characteristics and catcher bag integrity of the Rotunda cleaners were reviewed. Our effectiveness has been marginal in terms of cleaning brake assemblies and leads us to conclude that unique brushes, hoses and/or other attachments would probably improve the performance. Mr. Doyle will research these areas and submit recommendations that could be incorporated into the Rotunda Vacuum Cleaner product line.

It would be appreciated if any testing data that the General Services Office has been able to accumulate, be forwarded to Mr. Rice for possible incorporation with Mr. Doyle's efforts.

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