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Dear Mr. Stokinger:

Under the date of July 21, 1971, you addressed our Mr. Thomas E. Remmers a letter in regard to the threshold limit value for talc under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970. You refer to a value of 20 mppcf for talc if the talc is non-asbestiform; however, if the talc is of the fibrous-tremolite type, then the TLV of five fibers or less than five milligrams in length is the standard. You enclosed a copy of the Documentation of Talc, fibrous-tremolite. This appears to be a recommendation rather than a part of the law. It is not our intention to question this, but we would like to know whether this designation for talc, fibrous-tremolite is now a part of the Act; and if so, has the Department of Labor published it and under what paragraph or documentation number.

Paragraph 1910.100 of the Rules and Regulations states that specifications of the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists have been referenced in this subpart and that copies of the standards may be obtained from you. Specifically, reference is made to the various minerals under Table G-3, Paragraph 1910.93, Page 10,506. In this table, the only reference to talc is a TLV of 20 mppcf. All we want to know is should this regulation be supplemented to include the two types of talc you refer to and their respective values. In order that we may be more intelligent in our discussions of this matter, it would be helpful if you would tell us more about the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists and how you operate.

Thanking you kindly for your help, we remain

Yours very truly,

DESERT MINERALS, Inc.

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