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TO ALL GENERAL MANAGERS

Re: Employee Exposure to Asbestos

I am writing to voice my concern, and the concerns of Dr. Casate and the Medical Organization, regarding the handling and use of asbestos, an identified carcinogen, within Western Electric. We trust that your location has made substantial progress toward eliminating the purchase and use of asbestos containing materials. However, it should not be assumed that by eliminating asbestos containing materials in our production processes, and in the construction of new plants and facilities, that we have eliminated all potential exposures. On the contrary, the potential for asbestos exposures will continue for some years due to past uses of asbestos (i.e. insulation on steam pipes, boilers and tanks, asbestos fire stops in cable runs and vaults, etc.) and exposures resulting from present use of asbestos where suitable substitutes are not yet available (i.e. motor vehicle brake and clutch maintenance).

Particular attention should be given to the following requirements of the OSHA standard, 1910.1001, which regulates asbestos.

1910.1001 (c)(2)(iii) of the OSHA asbestos standard states:

"Spareparts, demolition or removal - Employees engaged in.....the removal or demolition of asbestos insulation or covering shall be provided with respiratory equipment and with special clothing in accordance with..... (this standard)."

1910.1001 (d)(2)(iv) states:

"Establishment of a respirator program - The employer shall establish a respirator program in accordance with the requirements of the American National Standards Practices for Respiratory Protection, ANSI Z88.2-1969"

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