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Dear Sir:

I enjoyed our conversation of last week and am happy to confirm our findings by letter. Your concerns about asbestos in the Corpus Christi Plant are well founded as to insulation (old style) and bulk asbestos. Let me assure you that we currently sell Champlin no unencapsulated asbestos materials.

Champlin currently uses asbestos materials for spiral wound gasket fillers; asbestos ring gaskets; some mechanical packings; and boiler handhole and manhole gaskets. We currently process 50,000 lbs or more of asbestos sheet; 10,000 lbs of mechanical packing; and many 1,000's of spiral wound gaskets. We, of course, have been tested for asbestos fiber contact by both OSHA and our workman's compensation carrier, Employer's Insurance of Texas. Their findings are enclosed with this letter. OSHA found no fibers (airborne) in two samples and .16 in two others. Employers found an average of .029 fibers/cc. This is well below the exposure limit of 2 fibers/cc.

Given this type of data, it is highly unlikely that a Champlin employee could be "exposed" to asbestos from the encapsulated materials we sell. There are, however, some asbestos materials we have replaced in your plant. We substituted fiberglass cloth for asbestos cloth and tape. We also have replaced asbestos rope with ceramic materials.

We can, if you like, substitute for asbestos in all cases, but we believe that the cost, sealing and temperature limits of other materials is excessive. We recommend that you continue to use encapsulated asbestos in the forms mentioned above based on our experience.

Sincerely,

David Massie
Vice President

cc: M. M. Horseman
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