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J. R. Jones

Industrial Institutions Division
Labeling of Asbestos Products

I have just received a personal communication from my friend in the U. S. Public Health Service concerning our proposed labels on your products which contain asbestos fiber. Privately, he could not speak officially for the Federal agency, but he told me that he had taken our proposed format to several people in the Service and all agreed that it was an excellent step forward for us. The wording of either of the two labels submitted would be satisfactory. Personally, if I had to use a label, I would recommend the wording of the label in which the third paragraph is as follows:

> "If dust is created when this product is handled, avoid breathing the dust".

Kenneth R. Smith, M.D.

cc: C. W. Hite
D. L. Kinman
H. H. Hall
W. J. Proctor

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L. Charleston

Division headquarters
April , 1964

Labeling of asbestos products

We have received no objections to our proposal to label certain of our products which contain asbestos fiber. Attached is a recommendation from Dr. [illegible] which includes a suggested change in the third paragraph of the label.

I suggest you proceed with the necessary steps to get this accomplished.

J. F. Jobe

att.

cc: C. L. Kite
D. L. Hinson
H. H. Bates
L. B. Proctor
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September 14, 1961

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Caution Labels

Unfortunately, there seems to have been some misunderstanding concerning the caution label. At the last meeting which I attended on this subject, it was agreed that a caution label would be incorporated in the printing of all new printing for Thermobestos products. Nothing was to be done until the present supply of cartons was exhausted and new ones were being ordered. Unfortunately, there seems to be some lack of communication or understanding and the second label was devised. As you know, this created a small furore at Knoxville and could have had very serious labor relations and workmen's compensation consequences.

I would recommend that our original agreement be followed. We should incorporate the caution label in the new printing only when additional cartons are needed. It is understood that at some time in the near future shipments may be made of cartons having no label and others with the label incorporated. This should create no problem.

As other asbestos-containing products are concerned I would recommend that we should have another meeting to discuss each of these products. We should evaluate whether or not a health hazard might exist for those using the product. Please let us know when we may be of help in such a meeting.

Kenneth W. Smith, M.D.

cc: T. H. Eaton
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...Plant
...Long Beach Plant
...Waukegan Plant
...Pittsburg Plant
...Jeffery Mines

CAUTION LABELS
HIGH TEMPERATURE INSULATIONS

On September 2, I sent you a letter covering a proposed program for placing caution labels on all Industrial Insulations Division products containing Asbestos in the High Temperature line. I rescinded this letter in a wire dated September 17 because there were changes to be made in the program.

The Industrial Insulations Division still intends to place the precautionary information on all products containing asbestos in the High Temperature line. A program to carry this out has been reviewed with Mr. K.W. Smith, C.L. Schedler and [illegible]. It was the agreement that the following program would be carried out:

1. The following precautionary information will be placed on the outside containers on the products containing Asbestos in the High Temperature line:

CAUTION

THIS PRODUCT CONTAINS ASBESTOS FIBER

INHALATION OF ASBESTOS IN EXCESSIVE OR LENGTHY OVER LONG PERIODS OF TIME MAY BE HARMFUL.

ANY DUST IS CREATED WHEN THIS PRODUCT IS HANDLED, AVOID BREATHING THE DUST.

USE ADEQUATE VENTILATION. WHERE IN ANY POSSIBLE DUST CONCENTRATION APPROVED BY [illegible] U.S. BUREAU OF MINES FOR INSERT [illegible] RESPIRATOR [illegible]

2. The program will be to place the above information [illegible] printing layout as part of the purchase specifications for the cartons or bags for each of the [illegible] insulation products listed below. These products [illegible]

D. G. Wingerter - [redacted]

May 16, 1963

The Caution Statement should be located prominently on the container and be printed in legible type in contrast by typography, layout or color with other printed matter on the container. Size of the label and letter size depend upon the size of the container. The size of the label must be such that it can be read and read without difficulty. I am enclosing copies of cotector product bag labels, carton labels and Celite product labels for the purpose of indicating letter size only.

Our J-M procedure for approval of labeling includes review by the Environmental Control, Industrial Relations and Legal Departments. By copy of this letter I am requesting E. B. Jackson and H. W. Hall to advise you of their opinions concerning this matter.

C. L. Chockley

CLC/cmb

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cc: J. B. Jobe - [redacted]
H. W. Burleson - [redacted]
A. Peeling - [redacted]
W. J. Peterson - [redacted]
J. A. Campbell - [redacted]
E. H. Hall - [redacted]
H. M. Jackson - [redacted]
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March 12, 1969

PROTECTED

F. W. Matthews

Asbestos Paper and Millboard Labeling

Inhalation of excessive concentrations of asbestos dust over a long period of time can result in pulmonary injury.

Every effort should, therefore, be made to protect people from this risk.

It is my opinion that Millboard could present a problem in conjunction with handling, cutting and fabricating. This opinion is based on observation of our J-M gasket operations. I recommend consideration for a caution label on Millboard.

Asbestos Paper does not present the same problem as Millboard. The fibre is bonded into the paper and does not appear to become airborne. The only dust generated from use of paper that I have observed in J-M is during the slitting operation. This has not been extensive. I do not recommend consideration for a caution label on Asbestos Paper at this time.

Labeling is a combined responsibility between Industrial Relations, Environmental Control, and Legal. By copy of this letter I am requesting E. H. Penner and H. M. Bell to provide you with their opinions.

If it is agreed that either of these products should be labeled, we will be glad to provide assistance in conjunction with the wording. Also, we wish to review the final version before making labeling effective.

C. L. SHEEHAN

CLS:nv

cc: M. W. Burleson
H. M. Bell
E. H. Penner - Pinderhe