

Internal Correspondence



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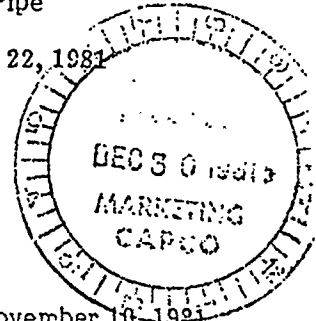
DATE December 15, 1981

SUBJECT

State of Pennsylvania - Legislation to Ban Asbestos Cement Water Pipe

REF: JFW correspondence, Field Problem, Blairsville, PA, October 22, 1981

ACTION REQUIRED: Review for information



Background

The Blairsville situation deteriorated to the extent that on November 10, 1981, two state legislators from the Blairsville area introduced legislation (attached) which would prohibit the installation of A/C pipe in water supply systems in Pennsylvania. The language of the legislation, Senate Bill 1197, is identical to that of Connecticut Public Law 80-398. The bill was referred to the Joint Committee on Environmental Resources and Energy.

On November 24, 1981, Staff and Counsel interviewed the firm of Tive, Hetrick and Pierce as a candidate for legislative counsel for AACPP. The firm was recommended independently by both Federal State Reports (AACPP's legislative monitoring service) and AACPP Counsel. The firm is well connected politically and represents a number of important clients including the Tobacco Institute.

Current Status

Tive, Hetrick & Pierce was retained to represent AACPP before the General Assembly and state administrative agencies.

The General Assembly adjourns on December 16, 1981 and reconvenes on January 4, 1982. Senate bill 1197 will carry over automatically to the 1982 session. Tive reports that Committee hearings are the exception rather than the rule in the Pennsylvania legislative process. Special counsel will recommend an appropriate action plan for immediate implementation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call.

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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1197

Session of
1981

INTRODUCED BY STAPLETON AND SINGEL, NOVEMBER 10, 1981

REFERRED TO ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY, NOVEMBER 10, 1981

AN ACT

1 Prohibiting the installation of asbestos cement pipe in water
2 supply systems and providing penalties.

3 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
4 hereby enacts as follows:

5 Section 1. No person, political subdivision or municipal
6 authority shall install asbestos cement pipe in any water supply
7 system unless the Secretary of Health determines that the use of
8 such pipe in water supply systems does not create a public
9 health hazard.

10 Section 2. Any person, political subdivision or municipal
11 authority violating the provisions of this act shall be guilty
12 of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

13 Section 3. This act shall take effect in 60 days.

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