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SUBJECT: ASTM Committee D22.05.07
Asbestos Methodology

Dear Professor Wylie:

ASTM Committee is well along in preparing your Polarized Light Microscopy method for Asbestos for balloting through their approval system.

At a meeting last week there were minor differences of opinion regarding sections 3.1 and 3.2 on terminology. The recommendation was to adjust your terminology to make it conform to two ASTM Standards on other facets of the asbestos matter. Specifically the two standards involved are attached and are D-4240-83 and E-849-82.

At a previous meeting Mike Beard of Triangle Park EPA had appointed Slim Thompson and me to be the talc industry specialists on the PLM for the ASTM Committee. Slim was of the opinion that you had actually made some minor revisions in the method when compared to the versions circulated at the meeting last Monday. I have also attached a copy of the version circulated 10/19/87.

In any event I am calling the matter to your attention with the suggestion that you incorporate appropriate definitions in your method which are already official definitions under the attached two standards D-4240-83 and E-849-82. If you will do this then the proposed standard can pass directly into the next ASTM sequence for balloting and approval. The additions or revisions of the terminology section should then be sent to Ms. Sharon Kaufman ASTM, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19103. Ms. Kaufman will then transmit the revised draft to Mr. J. Carter who is temporarily taking Mr. Beard's place on the asbestos committee under D 2205.

Thanks and best wishes.

Sincerely,

W. Ashton

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