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Memorandum

TO: All Asbestos Staff Members

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SUBJECT: Removal/Abatement of Non-friable Asbestos Containing Materials

DATE: January 13, 2000

For several years we have been asked to clarify the question, "When does non-friable asbestos containing material (ACM) become friable?" Until further notice, the following is Ohio Department of Health (ODH) asbestos program procedure:

With respect to the removal/abatement of the following non-friable asbestos containing materials, as assessed by an ODH certified Asbestos Hazard Evaluation Specialist:

1. vinyl and asphalt flooring
2. roofing
3. cementitious siding and shingles or transite panels
4. gaskets

ODH considers these materials as remaining non-friable if the work practices and methods of compliance set forth in the OSHA standard 29 CFR 1926.1101 (g) are followed and exposure monitoring or a negative exposure assessment show that the PEL is not being exceeded. All other non-friable asbestos containing materials will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

If these materials remain non-friable, ODH rules for removal, license and certification do not apply, and no prior notification is required. Any notifications received by ODH for removal of non-friable ACM will be considered a notification that non-friable ACM will be rendered friable during removal. These projects will be inspected by ODH as asbestos hazard abatement projects.