



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

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Re: Raybestos Products Company
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Dear Ms. Touhy:

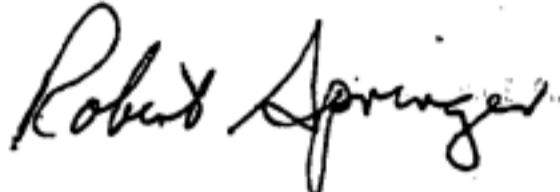
Thank you for your letter of referral, dated October 25, 1999. The U.S. EPA will use all of its authorities to address this matter promptly.

In 1994, based on the information that we had at that time, we ranked the Raybestos Products facility as a low priority in terms of the need for corrective action (cleanup) under the National Corrective Action Priority System (NCAPS). But over the past few years, our system of setting priorities has changed somewhat in accordance with the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA). Based on the updated information that you've provided to us, we included the Raybestos facility in our GPRA Corrective Action Baseline earlier this year despite the low NCAPS ranking. Our goal is to make sure that all human health exposures and groundwater releases will be controlled at most of the GPRA Baseline sites (through a cooperative effort with the State Agencies) as soon as possible but no later than 2005. There are 284 sites in the GPRA Corrective Action Baseline in the six-state area of Region 5, and human health exposures and groundwater releases have already been controlled at about 20% of those sites. Since it may take a substantial effort in determining the nature and extent of past releases of hazardous constituents, analyze the potential for human health exposures, and to select the appropriate control measures for the Raybestos facility, we will have to begin the process promptly in order to achieve our goal. Thank you for your offer to assist us in this process.

Public participation is an important factor in our decision-making process, so we will certainly participate in the public meeting that you plan to schedule during November. We look forward to working with you to address this situation promptly.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Robert Springer, Director
Waste Pesticides and Toxics Division

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