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THE ADMINISTRATOR

B. J. Pigg
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Dear Mr. Pigg:

This is in response to your letter of March 3 regarding your upcoming meeting with Mr. Blake and Ms. Vogt on the EPA's proposed asbestos ban and phase-out rule. While I am glad that you will be meeting with EPA representatives on March 18, I am concerned about the statement in your letter that the meeting "is contingent on AIA/NA and AI having the opportunity to meet subsequently" with me at a mutually convenient date.

Your request to meet with the Agency was first raised in your letter to me of December 2, 1986. Based on the nature of the issues you were interested in discussing, I suggested, by letter of January 28, that, if a meeting were to be held, you meet with the General Counsel and the Office of Pesticides and Toxic Substances. This is the meeting scheduled for March 18.

Following this meeting, I plan to discuss the status of the asbestos rulemaking proceeding with Mr. Blake and Dr. Moore. Should I feel the need to meet personally with interested parties outside the Agency on this matter, I will certainly do so. However, your suggestion that the March 18 meeting is somehow contingent on a later meeting is simply incorrect.

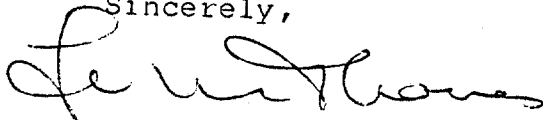
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I want to assure you that your views on this matter will be given every consideration before any decision is made.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lee M. Thomas".

Lee M. Thomas

cc: John A. Moore
Francis S. Blake