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Docket No. 99900277/82-02

The Rockbestos Company  
A Member of the Marmon Group  
ATTN: Mr. E. S. Reed  
Vice President - General Manager  
P. O. Box 778  
Wallingford, CT 06492

Gentlemen:

This refers to the inspection conducted by Mr. W. E. Foster of this office on May 3, 4, 24-28, 1982, of your facility at East Granby, Connecticut, associated with the manufacture of insulated wire and cable and to the discussions with Mr. G. G. Littlehales and members of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection. The results of this inspection are contained in Appendix B to this letter.

This inspection was made in conjunction with an investigation by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) as a result of the receipt of allegations pertaining to implementation and enforcement of the Rockbestos quality assurance program. Initial investigation results are contained in NRC Report No. 99900277/82-01 which is presented as Appendix D. A final investigation report, which will be identified as NRC Report No. 4-82-010, will be separately transmitted to you after issue by the NRC Office of Investigation.

The main purposes of the inspection were to evaluate identified concerns and to establish whether product verification activities were consistent with applicable codes, contractual and regulatory requirements. To make this determination, the primary areas selected for inspection were manufacturing process control, equipment calibration, test control, shelf-life of jacket materials, nonconformances and corrective action, and audits.

During the inspection, several instances where the implementation of your QA Program failed to comply with NRC requirements were identified and are documented in the enclosed inspection report. The specific findings complete with reference to the applicable requirements are identified in Appendix A.

Please provide us within 30 days from the date of this letter a written statement containing: (1) a description of steps that have been or will be taken to correct these items; (2) a description of steps that have been or will be taken to prevent recurrence; and (3) the date your corrective actions and preventive measures were or will be completed. Consideration may be given to extending your response time for a good cause shown.

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The response requested by this letter is not subject to the clearance procedures of the Office of Management and Budget as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, PL 96-511.

It is apparent from the results of this inspection and investigation, that our personnel have established that significant deficiencies existed in the implementation of your quality assurance program. What concerns us greatly are those findings which bring into specific question the validity of test data that has been furnished to your customers for your products. Accordingly, we are concerned both in regard to the adequacy of products that you have supplied for safety related applications, and, as to whether the Commission has been adequately informed, as required by 10 CFR Part 21.21(b)(3), relative to defects or failure to comply. You are, therefore, requested as part of your corrective action to provide to us, in respect to testing anomalies, the basis by which it can be assured that affected safety related products are suitable for designated service. You are additionally requested to review your past actions with respect to product testing for full conformance to 10 CFR Part 21 requirements. Should the results of your evaluations conclude that the Commission has not been adequately informed as required under 10 CFR Part 21, you are requested to provide in writing a statement addressing your corrective actions as noted above.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790 of the Commission's regulations, a copy of this letter and the enclosed inspection report will be placed in the NRC's Public Document Room. If this report contains any information that you believe to be exempt from disclosure under 10 CFR 9.5(a)(4), it is necessary that you (a) notify this office by telephone within 10 days from the date of this letter of your intention to file a request for withholding; and (b) submit within 25 days from the date of this letter a written application to this office to withhold such information. If your receipt of this letter has been delayed such that less than 7 days are available for your review, please notify this office promptly so that a new due date may be established. Consistent with Section 2.790(b)(1), any such application must be accompanied by an affidavit executed by the owner of the information which identifies the document or part sought to be withheld, and which contains a full statement of the reasons on the basis which it is claimed that the information should be withheld from public disclosure. This section further requires the statement to address with specificity the considerations listed in 10 CFR 2.790(b)(4). The information sought to be withheld shall be incorporated as far as possible into a separate part of the affidavit. If we do not hear from you in this regard within the specified periods noted above, the report will be placed in the Public Document Room.

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Should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely,

Original signed by  
John T. Collins  
John T. Collins  
Regional Administrator

Enclosures:

1. Appendix A - Notice of Nonconformance
2. Appendix B - Inspection Report No. 99900277/82-02
3. Appendix C - Inspection Data Sheets (8 Pages)
4. Appendix D - Investigation Report No. 99900277/82-01

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