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Mr. D. H. Propp
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Dear Mr. Propp:

This is in reference to your letter of May 20, 1992, concerning the elimination of asbestos in Electro-Motive locomotives. While we have had an ongoing program to eliminate hazardous materials from locomotives for some time, our products were not completely asbestos free until December 31, 1985. Some asbestos usage was stopped long before that date, but other uses of the material remained because suitable substitutes were not available.

A major reduction of asbestos usage occurred on June 30, 1985 when asbestos was eliminated from the engine, cooling system, fuel oil preheaters, engine governor, D14 alternator, journal boxes and truck friction snubbers. Asbestos was completely eliminated from the locomotive at the end of 1985 when it was removed from power conductor, motor modules and air compressor clutches.

Hopefully, this provides the information you need. If I can be of further assistance, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

William R. Barber
Area Sales Manager