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Asbestos is a health hazard
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 Libby concentrate contains asbestos in the form of talc

Actions required of Zonitex by regulating agencies OSHA, MESA etc

Unfortunate Outside events
 i.e. events that really do not force Zonitex to change its method or mode of operations

Trigger

Increase in body of knowledge about Zonitex
 1) Feeling between study
 2) Publishes more study results
 3) OSHA notices Zonitex's rights declare talc " asbestos free"

Bad publicity
 1) Superfund liability for Louisiana appeal
 2) Public relations in Mass, Cal
 3) Trade libel in Canada
 4) Safety Club claims like lawsuits

Lawsuits
 1) Large asbestos litigation in California
 2) Criminal action under Mass Act in California
 3) Class action suit from Libby newspaper
 4) Safety Club a like lawsuits

Actions affecting Zonitex Facilities

- 1) 25% talc asbestos entered at all existing plants
- 2) Requirement to buy waste entered i.e. asbestos rock
- 3) 25% talc standard entered at Libby
- 4) New asbestos standard issued, has OSHA = 15% talc even if 1)
- 5) Enforce Concentrate found to contain friable

Actions affecting Zonitex Products

- 1) Prohibited from selling friable in California in Mass Act
- 2) Effectively prohibited from selling any Libby concentrate based product in California
- 3) Prohibited from spraying friable in New York or other multiplication areas
- 4) Customers began to return product and from Libby concentrate
- 5) OSHA requires to be labeled All bags - Consumer - industrial
- 6) Consumer Product Safety Commission takes action against products containing vermiculite - Forces us to stop selling product from Libby concentrate



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