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### **Abstract:**

Q. If a source has obtained EPA approval for a method for asbestos conversion, does the source have to apply for approval each time the process is constructed at a new location?

A. No, once approval has been given for a certain process, it is given no matter where the process is constructed. The source must, however, notify the local delegated agency, or EPA if there is no delegated agency, that the "new source" exists. If any major modifications are made, the process must be resubmitted for approval.

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### **Letter:**

Mr . Tony Nocito, President  
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Dear Mr. Nocito:

This is in response to your letter of May 17, 1996, requesting a letter of approval for the ABCOV method for converting asbestos into nonasbestos, and that it be addressed to you. This is to supplement the approval granted to Aberdeen Proving Grounds (APG), Aberdeen, Maryland on March 28, 1995.

When the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved the construction of the ABCOV Method for asbestos conversion at APG, we approved the process no matter where it is constructed or operated, as long as the conditions and controls of the process remain the same. The approval provided in this letter carries the same conditions as the March 28, 1995, approval. Please bear in mind that each time this process is constructed at a new location/facility, you do not need approval for the process. However, you must notify the local delegated agency, or EPA in the event that there is no delegated agency, that the "new source" exists. If any major modifications are made to the process, then the process must be resubmitted for approval, and undergo another initial startup period.

This approval to construct and operate is pursuant to the Federal requirements (40 CFR Part 61 Subpart M). You must still comply with any applicable state and local requirements.

If we can be of further assistance, please contact Tom Ripp of my staff at (202) 564-7003.

Sincerely,

John B. Rasnic, Director  
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