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From: Al Brown - ENVX [mailto:ABrown@mail.maricopa.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2002 5:31 PM
To: 'comments@msha.gov'
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Subject: Asbestos in Mines

Dear Mr. Rodney Brown:

I am writing to suggest that the MSHA consider conducting a public hearing in the greater Phoenix area for the purpose of gathering input on proposed rules for asbestos.

As the Air Pollution Control Officer for Maricopa County, I have received comments from County residents who are expressing their concern about possible asbestos emissions from sand and gravel mining operations.

There are many sand and gravel mining activities in Maricopa County.

The EPA and most local air quality jurisdictions do not have ambient air quality standards for asbestos.

I am pleased that your agency has decided to study the asbestos issue for mine occupation related exposures. The information gathered should have value to air quality professionals.

Thank you,

Al Brown
Director
Maricopa County Environmental Services Department