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Mr. Edwin G. Foulke, Jr.
Assistant Secretary for
Occupational Safety and Health
200 Constitution Ave., NW
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Washington, D.C. 20210

Dear Mr. Foulke:

I would like to thank you for your letter of September 1, 2006, to the Refractory Ceramic Fibers Coalition (RCFC), regarding the continuation of our voluntary product stewardship agreement, PSP-2002. Our member companies would like to express their gratitude for the support we have received from your agency throughout the course of the initial 5-year program.

As indicated in your letter to Mr. Walters, RCFC has initiated the process of preparing a new partnership program with OSHA. We plan to have an outline of the content of a new agreement to OSHA for review in the near future. Following discussion of these outlined goals, we will develop a new proposal consistent with the voluntary protection programs envisioned by OSHA.

At our trade association's annual meeting, I was elected President of RCFC for a 2-year term, underscoring our continued commitment to product stewardship. I would also like to express our sincere appreciation for the support we have received from Mr. Richard Fairfax, our primary contact within your agency. We will continue to work closely with Mr. Fairfax, as we move into the next generation of our product stewardship agreement.

Thanks again for your strong endorsement of our program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (716) 278-3963.

Sincerely,



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President, Refractory Ceramic Fibers Coalition

cc: Mr. Richard Fairfax

