



GRIFFIN PIPE PRODUCTS CO.

Regarding Material Safety Data Sheets for products supplied by Griffin Pipe Products Co. The Occupational Safety and Health Administration's regulations covering the Hazard Communication Standard "Right-To-Know," specifically exempts articles from its application. OSHA defines an article as follows:

"Article means a manufactured item other than a fluid or particle: (i) which is formed to a specific shape or design during manufacture; (ii) which has end use functions(s) dependent in whole or in part upon its shape or design during end use; and (iii) which under normal conditions of use does not release more than very small quantities, e.g., minute or trace amounts of a hazardous chemical (as determined under paragraph (d) of this section), and does not pose a physical hazard or health risk to employees." (29CFR 1910.1200 (c))

We believe the products produced by Griffin Pipe Products Co. are manufactured articles and therefore exempt from the regulation. While we do supply pipe joint lubricant, a soap like substance used to lubricate the sealing gaskets as lengths of pipe are slipped together. This lubricant is a generic substance, extensively used in the water works industry, and meets the American Water Works Association standard for use in potable water installation.

The pipe joint lubricant we supply for our pipe installations is obtained from two manufacturers and a copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet, supplied to us by each manufacturer, may be obtained upon request.