February 10, 1953

Memorandum

To: Administrator

From: Nonmetallic Minerals Division

Subject: Resume - Docket No. DMEA-2678 - Asbestos
Cletus H. Merica
137 W. Reed Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia
Merica Property
Page County, Virginia

Action recommended: Approval of letter confirming withdrawal by applicant.

Conclusion: Applicant is now convinced that there is no asbestos on his lots in Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia. His letter of January 23, 1953 requests the withdrawal of his application.

Chronology:

8/28/52	Application received. No definite program.
9/2/52	USGS memo - 1) Request samples, 2) Refer to field.
9/2/52	Letter from applicant containing more definite program. Applicant proposes trenching and a 90-foot shaft at a total cost of $1,624.00.
9/5/52	Received sample of chert from applicant - no asbestos.
9/9/52	Letter to applicant requesting a sample of the asbestos.
9/10/52	USBM memo - Recommends examination and sampling to determine the variety and quality of the asbestos.
9/19/52	Applicant visited office. It was suggested that he should submit samples of asbestos or withdraw the application.
11/10/52	Letter from applicant requesting more time to get samples.
1/23/53	Letter from applicant withdrawing application. Letter from College Park enclosed. The samples submitted to the laboratory there were chert and sandstone.

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Mr. Cletus H. Merion
137 N. Reed Avenue
Alexandria, Virginia

Subject: Docket No. [illegible]-2676 - Asbestos
Merion Prospect
Page County, Virginia

Dear Mr. Merion:

Reference is made to the subject application for exploration assistance on your property at Shenandoah, Page County, Virginia.

Your letter of January 28, 1953, has been received. The request to withdraw the above application has been granted and the file has been closed.

Your interest in the Exploration Program of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration and your willingness to participate therein are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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