



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
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OFFICE OF CHEMICAL SAFETY  
AND POLLUTION PREVENTION

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT:** Meeting between American Braiding & Manufacturing Company and EPA regarding Asbestos Part 1: Chrysotile Asbestos; Proposed Regulation of Certain Conditions of Use Under Section 6(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)

*Date and Time:* 9:30 a.m. EDT, August 23, 2023

EPA staff held a virtual meeting with Jason Bailey, President of American Braiding at EPA's request regarding the production of asbestos sheet gaskets. American Braiding supplies asbestos gaskets to Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS). American Braiding last imported asbestos cloth to make gaskets in 2016, from a source in Mexico. This supplier no longer provides asbestos cloth and American Braiding does not have an alternative source for asbestos cloth. American Braiding typically provided approximately 100 asbestos gaskets per year to SRNS, although SRNS has ordered more gaskets recently, to stockpile for future needs. The majority of American Braiding's supply of asbestos gaskets has already been shipped to SRNS. Mr. Bailey is not aware of any other companies providing asbestos gaskets, nor is he aware of any other applications for asbestos-containing gaskets. He stated that there are no equivalent non-asbestos substitutes for the SRNS applications, because of the radiation and high temperatures. Gasket design and installation were discussed, as were American Braiding's procedures to handle asbestos materials and worker protection practices.

*Attendees:*

**American Braiding:**  
Jason Bailey, President

**EPA:**  
Ana Corado, Chief, Risk Management Branch 3, ECRMD, OPPT  
Robert Courtage, Team Leader, Risk Management Branch 3, ECRMD, OPPT  
William Silagi, Economist, ECRMD, OPPT