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To: George Thacher

From: Steve Bailey

Re: Funding asbestos tile removal at lighthouse

Well, we tried to get the Coast Guard to fund the removal of the asbestos floor tiles from the Point Pinos Lighthouse, but they declined to do so.

The removal of these asbestos floor tiles is needed for two reasons. Of course, to the extent that the tiles break down they become a safety hazard that will need to be eliminated eventually. But the reason that I bring this up now is that the Adobe Chapter of the Questers has obtained a grant from their parent organization to continue their volunteer refurbishing of the lighthouse. Their grant money needs to be spent by late spring. They cannot proceed until the asbestos floor tiles are removed.

We have a bid from California Home Inspection Company (right here in Pacific Grove - buy locally!) to do the work for \$2900. The only hitch is that the bid was dated 16 February 1996, when we began the attempt to get Coast Guard funding. It is possible that they would charge slightly more now, a year later.

Would the Safety Fund cover this cost?

Thank you.

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