Water management in Ontario

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Mr. T. Wellington, Manufacturing Manager,
Canadian Lukens Limited,
50 Taber Road,
REXDALE, Ontario.

Dear Sir:

As you may be aware, chlorinated hydrocarbons are probably the most widely dispersed and abundant synthetic pollutants present in the global environment. The relationship between the decline of raptorial and fish-eating birds and the presence of minute traces of chlorinated hydrocarbons has been well documented and has led to restrictions on the use of DDT in North America and Western Europe. The presence of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB's) in association with DDT has aroused our concern especially since the toxicity of chlorinated hydrocarbons to humans and other animals is well known and PCB's are no exception.

It has been reported to us that you are a user of PCB's and we require from you a detailed statement of uses to which PCB's are put in your operation, the quantities used, the ultimate fate of the materials, the types and names of formulations in which these materials are used and the potential for loss of these materials to the environment. Please ensure that the total amounts of these materials are fully accounted for in your report.

We consider this to be a matter of some urgency and we request that we receive your reply not later than May 27, 1970.

Yours truly,

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Division of Industrial Wastes.

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