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TO MEMBERS PCB AD HOC COMMITTEE
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Gentlemen:

The Environmental Protection Agency has announced the formation of a new Office of Toxic Substances. Heading the Office will be Acting Assistant Administrator Kenneth L. Johnson, former EPA Region One Deputy Administrator.

Reproduced below for information is a Federal Register notice announcing plans for an EPA meeting to discuss policy issues relevant to implementation of the Toxic Substances Control Act (P.L. 94-469).

Enclosed for information is the page dealing with PCB from a new EPA draft document - "Air Program Strategy for Attainment and Maintenance of Ambient Air Quality Standards and Control of Other Pollutants."

Sincerely,

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Staff Vice President
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TOXIC SUBSTANCES POLICY

Meeting

On December 14 and 15, 1976, the Environmental Protection Agency intends to hold a public meeting in Washington, D.C., to discuss policy issues relevant to the implementation of the Toxic Substances Control Act (Pub. L. 94-469). All interested parties are invited to participate by making brief oral presentations or submitting written documents or both.

An agenda will be published on or about December 6, 1976. The agenda will identify matters on which the Agency is particularly interested in having public comments; however, participants will be welcome to comment on all aspects of the implementation of this statute.

The notice to be published on or about December 6, 1976, also will provide details as to the exact time and location of the meeting. Persons who wish to participate are asked to notify, in writing or by phone, Mr. Richard Somoskey, Office of Toxic Substances (WH-557), Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C. 20460. Telephone number 202-755-4880.

Dated: November 17, 1976.

JOHN QUARLES,
Deputy Administrator.

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II. Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

PCBs are primarily a health problem in water due to their bioaccumulation in fish. The significance of the air route of exposure does not appear to be great at present. However, it may prove necessary to set controls for selected sources (e.g., transformer and/or capacitor plants) if current monitoring work confirms these plants as significant sources of PCBs.

Municipal incinerators are also being investigated to determine their impact as sources of PCBs. Should these investigations confirm that they are, the upgrading of control systems for PCBs control will be quite costly and probably justifiable only on the basis of the control of a number of toxic organics as opposed to control of PCBs alone. These control actions are also dependent on the success or failure of efforts to eliminate PCBs by substitution.

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