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COMPANY: (Operating or Parent) MICC

SUBJECT: PCB and PBB

REPORTER & MEDIA: Roger Giles, Medical World Magazine

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QUERY AND RESPONSE:

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Reporter was doing an article on the Polybrominated Biphenyl (PBB) contamination problem where the chemical was accidentally fed to livestock in 1973 in Michigan.

He had talked with the FDA and they mentioned a similar incident involving PCB contamination of fish meal in North Carolina. The FDA referred Giles to Monsanto for background information.

From our files I filled him in on the date and location of the incident and how the fish meal became contaminated. I also reviewed for his information our voluntary action to restrict sales of PCB for closed system dielectric use only effective August, 1970.

He closed by saying that all his research indicated that Monsanto had acted in a very responsible manner and that he did not plan to "hold our hands to the fire" on this subject.

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SOURCE OF ANSWER: Files

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