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Power Transformer Products Department INFORMATION LETTER

PT-349

PITTSFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

February 21, 1974

SUBJECT: PYRANOL FILLED PTPD EQUIPMENT

SALES ENGINEERS:

Effective February 4, 1974 all outstanding PTPD quotations for Pyranol equipment are withdrawn. PTPD will not honor any new quotations for Pyranol-filled equipment.

In recent months there has been increased concern over the effects of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) in the environment. PCB is the major constituent in Pyranol.

On December 27, 1973, the Environmental Protection Agency published a proposed new Part 129 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972. These proposed regulations would become effective in June 1975. If implemented, they will effectively ban the manufacture of Pyranol-filled equipment by limiting the amount of PCB that may be disposed of in the environment. Based on our present factory backlog, it will not be possible for us to accept any new orders for Pyranol-filled equipment for shipment prior to June 1975. Further, at the present time, the Power Transformer Products Department does not believe it is possible for us or any other manufacturer to meet these standards.

The General Electric Company is actively seeking a substitute material for Pyranol, but due to the extensive development and evaluation required, it is unlikely that any substitute will be available prior to June 1975. In the event that we are unable to ship Pyranol-filled equipment presently on order, prior to the implementation of the proposed Federal Standard, it will be necessary for us to substitute oil as an insulating medium.

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Should it become possible in the interim for the Power Transformer Products Department to meet the proposed Federal Standard, it may become necessary for outstanding contracts to be re-negotiated to compensate for the increased handling and processing costs associated with compliance to the new regulations.

Should you have any specific questions, please contact your Sales Engineer for additional details.

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DISTRIBUTION LIST:

- 1.11B Tabs 1A, 1C, 1E, 3E, 4B - I&SE
- 1.12C Tabs 3A, 3B, 3C, 5D, 7A - ASBD
- 1.19 Tab 4A - EUEO
- 1.20 Tabs 4A, 4D, 73, 9D, 7E, 4B, 8A, 3C, 5B - PT&DSD
- 1.21 Tabs 1B, 1C, 6E, 8A, 8C, 2B, 2E, 5A, 5C - ISD Mgrs.
- 1.22A Tabs 10A, 10B, 10C, 4A - ADSD
- 1.23 Tab 12 - Indus. Pwr. Distrib. Sales Engr.
- 1.24 Tab 1A - ISD Sales Engr.
- 1.28 Section 1, Codes 060, 070, 080; Section 3, Codes 02, 10 - Int'l. Sales Div.
- 25 PT Department Personnel