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I called and spoke with Mr. Phil Clark who is responsible for the installation of offshore gas processing plants with Placid Oil Company. I inquired as to their fluid selection for a new gas processing plant to be located in Block 296 Eugene Island. This platform is to be put into service about September of this year and will require about 40-50 drums of heat transfer fluid. Mr. Clark informed me that they would very definitely use a chlorinated biphenyl as heat transfer fluid for this system to insure the safety of their operation. He said that he had talked to the USGS offices regarding the fluid selection and they had advised him to go ahead with the fire resistant fluid to insure safety on the platform.

I again reviewed with Mr. Clark the potential problems of using a PCB material but his mind has been turned off to the potential hazards and he will very definitely buy the Coastal material in September-October provided it is still available.

It may be helpful if I again recontact the USGS service to instigate an investigation of PCBs in the offshore platforms.

The second system originally reviewed by Placid Oil for a Therminol system, namely Block 306 Eugene Island, has been discontinued. According to Clark the output from this block will be fed into Block 296 and apparently it will be equipped with sufficient heat transfer equipment to handle the entire glycol dehydration for both blocks.

They will very definitely build a platform in Block 1-10 in the North Sea. However, the decision regarding heat transfer fluid cannot be made in that location until late '73.

It is very apparent in speaking with Mr. Clark that the Coastal Chemical people have been working on Mr. Clark very diligently to make him feel secure in the selection of PCBs. His arguments about the capabilities of PCBs only killing a few fish was apparently memorized from previous Roger Irwin statements.

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