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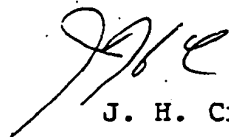
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The first meeting of environmentalists, chemical industry and EPA staff to begin working jointly on the new PCB regulation to control "incidental generation" of PCB's at trace levels during other manufacturing processes will be held in Washington, DC, Friday - January 7.

December 22, EPA Management - John Todhunter and Joe Cannon - and working level Office of Toxic Substances staff met with environmentalists and industry representatives. EPA Management agreed to support work for a "negotiated rule", since the groundwork and preliminary agreement had been reached between Environmental Defense Fund and National Resource Defense Council and CMA/industry groups.

This will be a possible model for future Agency rulemaking under TSCA if successful.

Trace PCB levels and conditions agreed to as being satisfactory from a potential risk/benefit point of view were more reasonable in the environmentalist/industry working group than in previous related rules and recent discussion with EPA working staff.



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