Monsanto

file PCB Feeding Studies

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SUBJECT NCI STUDY OF PCB

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For purposes of answering questions on whether PCBs cause cancer or reacting to the NCI's recent studies, may I use any or all of these statements:

-- "The National Cancer Institute has determined that Aroclor, Monsanto's PCB, is not carcinogenic in a 2-year animal feeding study."

-- "The recent National Cancer Institute chronic rat feeding study parallels results of other toxicological tests that conclude PCBs are not carcinogens."

-- "There is no conclusive evidence that PCBs cause cancer. In 1978 the National Cancer Institute reported in a 2-year chronic rat feeding study that there was no direct link between PCBs and cancer in the test animals."

Please remember that I'm not responding to toxicologists but to the media or concerned citizens who need to understand the issue in layman terms. Also whatever statements we make must be consistent with the current litigation, of which you are well aware.

May I please hear from you by June 9. Thank you.

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