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May 11, 1970

Mr. J. W. Schrage
American Mineral Spirits Company
3100 South Meacham Road
Palatine, Illinois 60067

Dear Mr. Schrage:

You have received our letter mailed on February 27, 1970 notifying you of the allegations that certain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) had been found in the environment and were contaminants. By now you will have informed your customers of this possible environmental problem. Subsequent to our earlier letter, other reports concerning PCBs have been published. An examination of the PCB matter has indicated that their use in certain applications may be a source of the alleged environmental contamination. For this reason, no sales or shipments of the Aroclor® 1200 series products for the following applications will be made after June 1, 1970:

Shoe Polish
Cleaning Compounds
Perfumes
Catheters
Dust Control Agents
Dental Adhesives/Molds
Optical Uses
Sprinkler Systems
Christmas Tree Flame Retardants

We are notifying direct customers using the above-mentioned products in these applications immediately of this decision. As a distributor of these products, it would seem appropriate that you follow the same course of action. Our records show the following products and applications being serviced by you:

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Application	Specific Aroclor	Suggested Replacement	Replacement Bulletin No.	Customer Name	Served From
Shoe Polish	1242	None		Kiwi Polish	Conshohocken, Pa.
	1254				
Cleaning Compound	1254	Santicizer 148	O/PL-351	Harleco	Conshohocken, Pa.
Cleaning Compound	1254	Santicizer 148	O/PL-351	Amerace-Esna	Carteret, N. J.
Dental Lab	1221	Santicizer 261	Plasticizer Catalogue (Blue Book)	Opotow	Carteret, N. J.
	1248	Santicizer 160	PL-160	Dental Prod.	
	1254				

You will note that we have suggested a replacement for each application. We attach a copy of the letter we will send to our direct customers. We suggest you send a similar letter with your letter-head to your customers. We further suggest you attach a copy of the bulletin covering the replacement product to your letter and also to mail a standard sample of the replacement to the customer for evaluation.

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We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause you but are sure you understand that the potential environmental hazard involved leaves no alternative. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Please notify us when you have notified all customers concerned.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Schalk
Director of Sales
Plasticizers

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