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The CMA Chemical Regulation Advisory Committee (CRAC) voted to transfer the PCB project on the EDF/EPA law suit from CRAC to a Special Projects Advisory Group (SPAG). While several members of CRAC supported the Monsanto position that the project should stay in the control of CRAC, the long standing principal that chemical specific issues do not belong in CRAC was the deciding factor.

It was agreed that CRAC would recommend to CMA Management (Roland) that CMA general funds should supplement support of the SPAG activity and that CMA should encourage broad participation in the SPAG group. My current understanding is that CMA will underwrite the activity, however, SPAG members will be asked to contribute to the support of the project.

At Monsanto, I believe this project falls within the realm of your PCB stewardship program. I personally have great difficulty with the idea of Monsanto not participating with other chemical industries on a PCB SPAG activity. I recognize budget constraint, but believe this activity must be weighed against other priorities. On balance, I have a hard time believing that this activity will not be funded when such a test is made.

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