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SUBJECT AROCLOR 1221

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It appears as though we need to meet sometime in the near future to decide whether we should change our strategy on Aroclor 1221 in view of the increasing number of PCB episodes and the potential involvement of this product.

Earlier we decided this product was not a key offender on the PCBs found in the environment and, as such, we elected to continue to sell direct and in plasticizer blends. This is still the policy in force today.

We are planning to move production of Aroclor 1221 from Anniston to Krummrich so there will be no more liquid PCBs of any variety made at Anniston. This will cost us a considerable amount of extra freight money for plasticizer blends but we feel it is the best political and practical solution to this problem.

Short term we should go to MCS 1109. - so & say if necessary but review again if necessary.

We now have a mechanism, through MCS1109, of making a product which is considerably more ecologically safe than Aroclor 1221 and more biodegradable. Short term, we probably have enough production capacity and could convert Aroclor 1221 to MCS1109 without significant increased out-of-pocket costs. Longer term, however, we may not have enough still capacity and may have to expand with still more capital to make sufficient quantities.

A decision is needed: Is it now time to decide to convert Aroclor 1221 to MCS1109? Or, should we wait until after the FDA/Dr. Berger meetings?

Suggest we discuss this Tuesday, September 7.

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