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February 26, 1975

Monsanto Chemical Company
W.G. Krummich Plant
Sauget, Illinois

Attention: Supervisor, Dept. A-246

RE: Askarel, PCB

Dear Sir:

I am writing for information on Askarel which I understand is Montanto's trade name for polychlorinated biphenyl for use in electric transformer applications.

The Gilbert/Commonwealth Companies are the largest architectural-engineering consulting firm in the country. We have a heavy concentration in the electric utility industry. Please be assured that we are "on your side" in the continued specification of a useful material if we can recommend it to clients along with in-plant handling precautions and methods of complying with environmental regulations which proscribe the discharge of PCB.

The following is a discussion of our information needs. Our bibliographies go no further than 1972. If you have information on other aspects or more recent information, please advise us.

a. Storage and handling

b. Surveillance, sampling and disposition of small amounts of waste

c. Containment and clean up of a ruptured transformer housing in transit, installation, or use.

d. Environmental (biological information). Prevalent allegations (such as carcinogenetic) which may or may not be rebuttable.

If other parts of the Monsanto organization can contribute or are better able to provide my information needs, please forward this request to them.

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If telephone communication is indicated, please call me collect at (215) 775-2600, Extension 2370.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours very truly,

Donald G. Frier

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