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The PCB situation in the U.S. has, in my opinion, reached the emotional turning point from which I see no real success irrespective of the resources committed or strategies devised by Monsanto to stay in the PCB business.

EPA is using PCBs to attempt to get highly desired legislation passed by Congress. Activities in New York and around the Great Lakes are creating pressures which will force EPA to arrive at effluent standards which will be unrealistic. I understand that the Bureau of Fisheries and Wildlife is preparing a report which implicates PCBs for aquatic reproduction problems throughout the U.S. Also, PCBs will be reported as being found in sport fish everywhere. This will have a decided impact on the sport fishing industry and its supporters. Dr. Renate Kimbrough is actively discussing her study with anyone who will listen.

Our customers have now reached the point at which they would be receptive to alternative solutions and are seeking leadership.

I strongly recommend Monsanto assume this leadership and, with key customer input, announce a program for an orderly phase-out of the manufacture and sale of PCBs. I suggest a two year program be designed with flexibility for reducing the time period required for execution to one year in the event the shorter period is required.

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