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Mr. F. R. Phoenix
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Division of Industrial Wastes
Ontario Water Resources Commission
135 St. Clair Avenue, W.
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Dear Mr. Phoenix:

With increasing evidence that PCB is a persistent chemical which builds up in the environment, Monsanto has taken voluntary unilateral action to restrict its use.

We will only sell PCB for "closed-system" uses such as electrical components and heat-transfer systems. With rigid control over where the product goes, how it is handled and disposed of, we can continue to serve society and the environment can be protected. We are discontinuing sales into "open systems" in which the ultimate introduction into the environment cannot be predicted and controlled such as adhesives, sealants, chlorinated rubber, specialty coatings, etc.

For other uses such as fire-resistant hydraulic fluids for industrial applications where PCB cannot be strictly controlled, we have reformulated some fluids and they are now available. The new products contain fire-resistant ingredients other than PCB. We will continue our program to develop alternate formulations which do not contain persistent PCB.

We are also offering our customers the opportunity to return their PCB wastes to our plants for reclaim or complete destruction.

To further describe Monsanto's program, I have attached additional information which also includes summaries of toxicity and biodegradability studies and current analytical procedures.

I hope this information is useful to you.

I would appreciate receiving a copy of your report to your Commission.

Sincerely,

W. B. Papageorge
Manager
Environmental Control

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cc: J. Brydon - Montreal