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SUBJECT: Telephone Call Report
Discussion with Guy Pernell
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A group of children broke into a warehouse in Philadelphia and upended three 55 gallon barrels found to contain PCB's. Fluid leaked under the door of the warehouse into the street. The fire department washed down the street spreading fluid over about three blocks. The neighborhood children played in the area and got their clothes covered in both the original material from the barrels and water contaminated from the barrels.

DMEH group (Peter Berteau) had given them medical advice. Guy wanted to know how they should dispose of clothing contaminated with PCB's and any residual liquid from the barrels. I referred him to the EPA regulation of February 17, 1978 and cautioned him that the 500 ppm level was shortly to be modified to 50 ppm. I referred him to Rollins as the company who would probably be authorized earliest to incinerate any residual liquid PCB's. I told him that unless the barrels had contained very low levels of PCB's, contaminated clothing would probably have to be collected, drummed and landfilled as specified by the 78 regulations.

At the time of the call, they had not yet identified whether the contents of the drums were neat PCB or contaminated waste oil. In view of potential parental reaction to the landfilling of the children's clothing, I suggested that he might want to make sure he knew what was in the drums before implementing a confiscation of contaminated clothing.

About 20 children were involved.

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