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SUBJECT P.C.B. - Toxicology

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Recent events in Europe, particularly in the Irish Sea area of Britain, have once again brought into prominence the fact that polychlorinated biphenyls are being found in many species of wild life, particularly those associated with a marine environment.

The measurements carried out by Scott Tucker on samples of mud from the Uskmouth area (Newport, U.K.) and reported by him on October 8, show that P.C.B.'s from the plant find their way to the sea, and appear to be distributed over a fairly wide area of the Severn estuary.

We are likely to find that people other than ourselves will do measurements of this kind and, as a result, pressure will be exerted for us to deal more effectively with the Newport plant effluent.

We would be glad to receive up-to-date information on the methods used at Anniston and W.G.K. in dealing with this problem. In particular, has the incinerator which C.E.D. were studying some months ago been evaluated and could we please have an up-to-date status report on this?

Incidentally, I understand from a report by Colin Coleman on a recent meeting of the Bureau Internationale Technique des Askarel that Bayer and Prodelec are disposing of plant waste by incineration.

Regards,

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