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Dear Bill:

I apologize for the delay in sending the enclosed flier about PCB silos, that was prepared by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Michigan State University. In my opinion, there are a few inaccuracies, but generally does a good job.

Since I talked to you I was in Lansing, and talked with the MDA people at great length. Presently, MDA fieldmen are combing the state looking for Michigan Silos. Mr. Fred West, 1365 Francis Street, Muskegon, Michigan 49442 (616-773-6345) is in charge of the inspection process. As of last Friday, the status was:

1 - Excluded but now back shipping milk.

7 - Over tolerance and confirmed (to be excluded 9-23).

9 - Over tolerance and waiting for confirming test. Preliminary results ranged from 2.1-9.6 ppm fat basis for milk and 299-10,810 ppm in silo scrapings.

? - Samples collected but not yet run.

Two silo companies are sandblasting and recoating some of these with most using Action! Plastic Inc. water-based epoxy coatings. The companies are Star Silo, Wayland, Michigan and Pennington Brothers, Muskegon, Michigan. The latter company charges $1800.00 to sandblast and recoat with 009 epoxy, which to me seems a bit steep.

The MDA inspectors learned how to spot Michigan Silos from a Mr. Harrington who managed The Michigan Silo Co. Charlotte plant for 40 years. He is now 85 years old.

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I also talked with Andy Tangeman of Action! Plastic, and he said they are getting many inquiries and orders for the water-based epoxies for use on PCB silos.

That about summarizes all the new information that I have. Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

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Assistant Professor

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