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PCB DEFINITION

Mr. J. T. Garrett
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During a recent meeting at the MCA offices in Washington, D.C., Mr. Louis W. Roznoy, Olin Industries, requested I submit a definition of PCBs which could be used by appropriate MCA committees in commenting on recently-proposed effluent standards.

A definition we are proposing to EPA is as follows:

> "Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) means materials containing the biphenyl group which is chlorinated and which have been shown to persist and rapidly bioaccumulate in the aquatic environment. These chlorinated biphenyls are identified as those components having gas chromatographic retention times greater than 54, relative to p,p-DDE = 100, under the standard conditions recommended in the EPA, PCB test method."

Will you relay this to Mr. Roznoy on Wednesday, February 27 during your scheduled work session.

Thanks.

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