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It is a great pleasure for me to invite you to attend the "National Conference on Polychlorinated Biphenyls" sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency in cooperation with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the Council on Environmental Quality, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, and the U. S. Department of the Interior. Your attendance and participation will help ensure that the conferees benefit from the presence of recognized authorities in this field.

Please reserve the dates of November 19-21, 1975 for this meeting to be held at The Pick-Congress Hotel, Chicago, Illinois. Enclosed for your convenience is a hotel reservation card. I would suggest that you make reservations as soon as possible.

The program will last for three days. The objectives of the conference are to:

... bring together the latest data and best available expertise to help clarify the problems associated with the manufacture, use and disposal of PCBs.

... help assess the effectiveness of steps taken to reduce the problems associated with PCBs.

... provide a platform for interested parties to present previously neglected data concerning PCBs.

... help clarify the feasibility and complications of steps to reduce the problems associated with PCBs.

The Administrative Coordinator for the Conference is Mr. Franklin A. Ayer, Research Triangle Institute, Post Office Box 12194, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina 27709; telephone (919) 549-8311, extension 640 or 632. You are encouraged to write or telephone him if you have questions concerning this meeting.

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In addition to the enclosed hotel reservation card, you will find a conference registration card which you should fill out and return to Mr. Ayer as soon as possible.

I am looking forward to a stimulating conference and hope that you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

John L. Buckley
General Chairman

Enclosures: Hotel Reservation Card
Conference Registration Card

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PRELIMINARY AGENDA

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS
PCBs in the Environment - 1975
The Pick-Congress
Chicago, Illinois

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Program - Outline - General Chairman - John L. Buckley, Ph.D.
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Wednesday, November 19, 1975

10:00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS - Honorable Russell E. Train, Administrator, United States Environmental Protection Agency

11:00 HEALTH EFFECTS AND HUMAN EXPOSURE - David P. Rall, M.D., Ph.D., Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and Chairman, Department of Health, Education and Welfare Committee to Coordinate Toxicology
What exposures to PCBs have what effects on man? Review of toxicological, clinical and epidemiological data obtained since 1972.

12:00 Lunch

1:00-3:00 HEALTH EFFECTS AND HUMAN EXPOSURE (CONTINUED)

3:30-5:30 USES, SOURCES, AND IDENTIFICATION - David Garrett, P.E., Chief, Special Projects Branch, Office of Toxic Substances, Environmental Protection Agency
What are PCBs used for now, how much is used, where do they come from, how do they reach the environment? Review of present manufacture, import, use, distribution and disposal, and review of chemical analytical procedures.

Thursday, November 20, 1975

8:30-12:00 ENVIRONMENTAL FATE AND OCCURRENCE - Ian C. T. Nisbet, Ph.D., Research Massachusetts Audubon Society,
How much occurs where, how does it move in the environment, and what happens to it? Report on current levels in various parts of the environment — water, soil, air, fish, wildlife, human foods and man. Review what is known of transformations and degradation - mechanisms and rates. To the extent possible, synthesize in mass-balance terms, with particular attention to exposure routes and levels for man and other living organisms.

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12:00-2:00 LUNCHEON - Speaker (To Be Announced)

2:00-3:30 ECOLOGICAL EFFECTS AND EXPOSURES - Donald I. Mount, Ph.D., Director, National Water Quality Laboratory, Environmental Protection Agency
What is happening in freshwater, marine, estumarine and terrestrial environments because of PCBs? Review of laboratory and field studies completed since 1972.

4:00-5:30 ECONOMICS AND SUBSTITUTES - Warren Muir, Ph.D., Council of Environmental Quality
What are PCBs used for now, what substitutes are available, and what are the economic, health and environmental aspects of proposed substitutes?

5:30 Dinner

7:00-9:00 GENERAL SESSION - Christopher M. Timm, Director, Surveillance and Analysis Division, Region V, Environmental Protection Agency
Brief statements by interested groups, or individuals expressing opinions on the PCB situation, and elaboration of discussion points curtailed by lack of time during sessions.

Statements from the floor from persons registering requests prior to the opening of the General Session.

Friday, November 21, 1975

8:30-10:15 APPROACHES TO CONTROL (Chairman to be Announced)

What can be done to reduce amounts of PCBs reaching the environment and to limit human exposure?

Panel discussion by Federal and State Agency spokesmen, and representatives of industry.

10:30-11:45 SUMMARY SESSION - Richard Carpenter, Executive Secretary, Commission on Natural Resources, National Academy of Sciences.

Concise summaries of the information presented and significant points raised during discussions.

11:45-12:30 CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS - John L. Buckley, Ph.D.
Integration and synthesis of the most significant findings and recommendations that emerged during the conference. Richard Carpenter.

CONCLUDING REMARKS - Conference Chairman

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