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Aroclor - Wildlife Meeting 8-25-69

Elmer started the meeting by discussing the recent inquiries about the PCB problem. He began with the current WARF study of Lake Michigan and the fact that PCB(s) were found in 9 of 80 water samples so far analyzed. This study is actually concerned with the sources of DDT, Endrin, & Dieldren found in L. Mich.. Samples (500) of sediment, water, plankton, and fish are being taken from the estuaries around the lake. PCB(s) have been found mostly in city sewer outlets. I believe he has committed us to analyzing some of these samples. The following items were next (memos included);

1. Chlorinated Biphenyl Toxicity - Japanese Kane-Chlor food contamination - Suggested an end to our Therminol usage
2. Memo - from Utah State Univ.
3. Press releases and Elmer's attendance at Oregon meeting
4. My memos 8-18-69 & 8-20-69
5. Presence of PCB in dishwasher detergents and samples from Inorg.

Remainder of the meeting dealt with what the problem was, what we should do, and how it should be done.

I think everyone there came to the conclusion that we should increase our efforts in the following areas:

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Biological testing
Control of contamination sources
Alternate products

It was decided that a committee should be appointed to put an overall program on paper.

Wheeler - Chairman
Farran
Richards
Hodges

The paper program is to be completed by Sept. 15th at which time a meeting will be held to review it.

It was also mentioned that Swisher (Proj.) would do biodegradation analytical studies if we will do the analytical work. It was made known that more man power and equipment would be necessary to support this all out effort.

An additional remark was made that the charges for such work should not be against Res. or SRC accounts but from a seperate account set up specifically for this project.

It was felt that the necessary funding for the analytical work will be budgeted. Because of this we should probably outline a provisional budget (man-power and equipment requirements) for eventual approval, on our segment of the project.

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