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cc: P. S. Park E2NH
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SUBJECT :

REFERENCE :

TO : File

Received a call today, July 22, 1976 at 10:00 A.M. from Howard Zar in Region V-EPA, Chicago. He was the bearded gentlemen that sat to the right of Roy Harsch in the EPA-Monsanto meeting in Region V offices in Chicago, July 21. He had the following questions, suggestions, etc.

(1) Between now and the time Monsanto goes out of the PCB business, we are interested in determining how you will control PCB emissions.

(2) Monsanto people in the plant have the best knowledge of what they are doing and can do. We, EPA, would like to either talk to them, or arrange to come down to St. Louis for a meeting.

(3) Monsanto has mentioned limited remedies that they will take to control PCB's. Have they been taken care of?

(4) What will happen to PCB discharge from the plant facilities 1 1/2 years from now after production has been shut down?

(5) EPA took samples of plant effluent on Jan. 27 and their samples showed much less than 1 lb/day PCB discharge. We would like to know what Monsanto got on these samples and what their recent monitoring of their effluent indicates in the way of PCB discharge.

(6) We, EPA, have some short term remedies we would like to talk to your people about, particularly your engineers.

(7) We would like to assure ourselves that you have appropriate facilities and controls in effect between now and your shutdown.

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I asked Howard Zar if this information being requested would delay the draft of the permit which Roy Harsch said he would formulate and send to Monsanto. He said he did not think this would necessarily delay that draft and that his requested information could proceed in parallel with the draft. Howard Zar has asked that I call him back as soon as possible, recommending the manner in which his request may be pursued. He was somewhat critical of the EPA process from the standpoint of delay in getting this PCB problem with Monsanto resolved.

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