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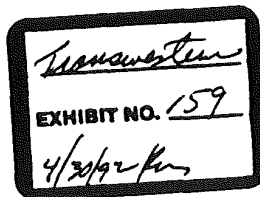
Cummins Plant Subject DEPARTMENT 246 (AROCLORS)

It is the opinion of the Medical Department that the eating of lunches should not be allowed in this department for a number of reasons.

- (1) Aroclor vapors and other process vapors could contaminate the lunches unless they were properly protected.
- (2) When working with this material, the chance of contaminating hands and subsequently contaminating the food is a definite possibility.
- (3) It has long been the opinion of the Medical Department that eating in process departments is a potentially hazardous procedure that could lead to serious difficulties. While the Aroclors are not particularly hazardous from our own experience, this is a difficult problem to define because early literature work claimed that chlorinated biphenyls were quite toxic materials by ingestion or inhalation. In any case where a workman claimed physical harm from any contaminated food, it would be extremely difficult on the basis of past literature reports to counter such claims.

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