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March 28, 1977

Mr. George F. Wirth, Chief
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Environmental Protection Agency
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Dear Mr. Wirth:

Per our discussion, here is the information on our plans to supply PCBs until we stop on October 31.

Monsanto is proceeding with our publicly announced PCB phase-out program. We will cease manufacture of PCBs by August 31, 1977 and will stop distribution of PCBs on October 31. Prior to our withdrawal date of October 31st, we are supplying volumes to the transformer and capacitor industries which will allow them an orderly transfer to non-PCB alternatives.

In the transformer market, most of the volume we will ship is makeup for existing askarel units. The major portion of the makeup requirements must be placed in 55 gallon drums. Manufacture and drumming of the transformer fluids is expected to be completed by June 1977. This is necessary in order to convert blend/storage tanks over to the capacitor grade AROCLOR® 1016 for the final production runs. Shipment of the transformer grades will occur up to October 31, 1977.

Monsanto will manufacture the final volumes of the capacitor grade AROCLOR 1016 in May, June, July and August 1977. Final shipments will be made in September/October 1977, with no shipments after October 31st. Most AROCLOR 1016 shipments will be made in tankcars, with a minor portion being in 55 gallon drums because the number of tankcars is not sufficient to handle all requirements.

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You can appreciate that this plan is premised on the fact that our customers will use Monsanto produced askarel between our phase-out date and their phase-out in order to achieve a smooth transition to non-PCB replacements. Our planning is based on the assumption that tankcars or drums will be suitable for transit and storage. If this assumption is incorrect, there are obvious adjustments needed in our planning.

If drums are unacceptable, we would like some indication as to how you plan to handle returns of PCB material for incineration.

If any additional information is needed or if we need to adjust our plans, please let us know.

Sincerely,

J. Coleman Weber
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Dear Mr. Ashley:

Enclosed are the requested Material Safety Data Sheets on AROCLOR® 1016 and AROCLOR® 1242 and a copy of our Monsanto Toxicity Information sheet on AROCLOR® 1016. I hope this information is sufficient for your purposes.

Sincerely,

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