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The following areas may be of direct or indirect interest to Monsanto after our withdrawal as a supplier of PCB's October 31, 1977.

a. Aroclor tank car fleet - timely return, consistent with schedule indicated by customers, certainly by mid-1978. Decontamination, allocation to other uses.

b. Extended credit terms - customers pay their bills.

c. Customer conversions to non-PCB-stockpiles of PCB's, effectiveness of PCB replacements.

d) Incineration - incineration capacity in U.S., incinerators obtaining EPA approval to destroy PCB's.

e. Landfill disposal - will landfills such as Nuclear Engineering, Sheffield, Illinois be allowed to continue placing PCB's in their secure landfill? This could affect where PCB production unit is sent after decontamination and dismantling.

f. Overseas customers - when they start buying from Prodelec, Bayer, etc. When they convert to non-PCB.

g. Overseas incineration capabilities - Vulcanus burning of PCB's at sea.

h. Media coverage of PCB issue. Is Monsanto's image damaged in articles or TV/radio coverage.

i. Medical and environmental research studies - PCB's are or are not a cancer causing agent.

j. Federal EPA and state agency regulations concerning PCB's which may affect Monsanto facilities that are still using PCB transformers or capacitors.

k. Lawsuits involving PCB's. Samples have been set aside already for possible need in future litigation.

l. Government agency requests for Monsanto to provide information about shipments to previous customers of PCB products.

m. Requests for Monsanto to supply samples, product information, toxicology information, etc. to researchers. Provisions have been made for samples from lab supply houses. Perhaps consideration should be given to a system for supplying copies of old literature to researchers.

n. New technologies for destroying or chemically altering PCB's to make them "harmless" ~biological or chemical means which may result from current or future research.

Obviously, some of these areas are more important to Monsanto than others. We can discuss/expand on the various items when you are ready.

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