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PCB AD HOC COMMITTEE

On Sunday, May 18, the following members of the Working Committee met in St. Louis, Missouri: Rich Rollins - Jard; Tom Browne - Sprague; Stu Richel - GE; Cliff Tuttle - Aerovox and Roger Wills - Westinghouse. The meeting convened and the Draft of the position paper, which the Working Committee had agreed to prepare, was put together for typing.

On Monday, May 19, the Working Committee reconvened in the offices of Monsanto with Bill Papageorge and Dave Wood while the Draft position paper was being typed. According to Bill Papageorge, there have been further changes in EPA which concern PCBs.

Although the Assistant Administrators have met with Mr. Train, EPA has still not determined if PCB will be the subject of an Advance Notice of Proposed Rule making. Dr. Leonard Guarraia now has responsibility for preparing the criteria document for all nine toxic pollutants. While he is using the document prepared by Joseph Lewis concerning PCBs, Bill is of the opinion that Dr. Guarraia might make significant changes in it.

EPA is also directing interest to clean-up technology. Mr. Joseph F. Vitalis, who has previously been involved with EPA regulations in the treatment area, is becoming involved with PCBs. In this regard, Monsanto has been advised by Calgon that their carbon absorption system was basically designed for flow rates between 25,000 to 300,000 gal./day. The leasing of this equipment plus carbon replacement and disposal would result in an annual cost of $60,000 to $100,000. However, for the low flow rates they would expect from Monsanto and the Transformer and Capacitor Plants a system would have to be designed specifically for each plant or groups of similar plants. Amortizing the capital cost plus carbon replacement and disposal would result in an annual cost of $27,000 to $30,000.

Bill Papageorge indicated that Monsanto was continuing to keep a close contact with EPA and trying to insure that new EPA personnel were advised the unique characteristics of PCBs. Monsanto was also contemplating using radiation tracing to learn about the degradation products of PCBs. Bill agreed to keep us closer advised of his efforts with EPA and the work Monsanto is doing.

The Working Committee concluding the meeting by editing the Draft position paper. Cliff Tuttle will have the paper retyped and submitted to the membership of the entire committee.

Very truly yours,

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