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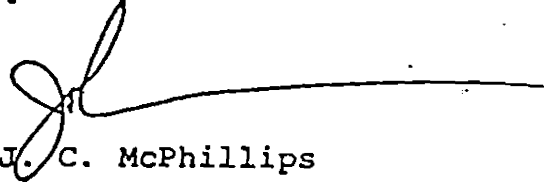
SUBJECT : DIOXINS/CHLOROPHENOLS

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TO : J. S. Metcalf
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As a result of our surprise findings of dioxins in the retained sample of the "Sturgeon OCP/C tankcar," I understand we are now going to analyze additional OCP/C samples to determine if dioxins/TCDD is typical. While we are doing this test, should we not go one step further and analyze again for dioxins in PCP and 2,4 DCP (and possibly SANTOPHEN I if PCP shows dioxins)?

I am concerned that ~~in our first look for dioxins in OCP/C about a year ago, we found basically none~~ and now we are finding about 800 ppm of which some is the TCDD. This probably will not be a serious issue with our OCP/C customers (EPA???) since they are familiar with dioxins plus when they further chlorinate the OCP/C the TCDD will disappear. But, I am afraid this is not the case with our PCP/2,4 DCP/S-I customers and the reaction could be detrimental to our business from a sales/environmental standpoint. Therefore, I recommend we take another look at our entire chlorophenol complex to avoid another surprise and also to take necessary action, if any.


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