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SUBJECT Dielectric Presentation to PCB Task Force

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In Attendance Dr. R. H. Munch
Dr. R. E. Keller
C. Paton
P. G. Benignus
W. B. Papageorge

Per W. B. Papageorge, following are likely to be in attendance at our PCB presentation (tentatively set for mid-May).

Office Science & Technology - Dr. Burger
Environmental Quality - Terry Davis (Task Force Co-Chairman)
- Muir (came to St. Louis with Riseborough et al.)
E.P.A. - John Buckley (chemist)
F.D.A. - Dr. Kolbey (M.D./Ph.D./M.P.H./Lawyer)
F.D.A. - scientists
U.S.D.A. - Dr. Combs or Dr. Hayes
Dept. of Commerce - - Dr. Cairns (formerly of Am.Cy. and ex-President A.C.S.)
Bureau of Standards - Dr. Broadhurst
Dept. of Interior - Dr. Lucille Stickel
Nat. Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIH) - Lawrence Fishbein

Given the aides and scientists accompanying these administrators we could anticipate a meeting of 30-50 people.

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Covered in previous presentations have been:
1. Analytical methods on PCBs.
2. Uses of PCBs and Monsanto's withdrawal program.
3. Attitude of competition and foreign governments to PCBs.
4. Toxicity.

Action: WBP to circulate copies of notes used by John Mason at prior presentations to REK/CP/PGB/RHM (To insure consistency). - Done

Agreement on objectives for the May presentation was reached as follows:

1. Present Monsanto's biodegradation data on PCBs - dispel half-life notions on PCBs.
2. Justify Aroclor 1016 use in capacitors (on basis of #1.)
3. Show decrease in "hard" (i.e. 5-chloro and higher) PCBs in environment.
4. Get task-force to back-off from "zero detectable limits of PCBs in plant effluent".

The presentation should be in the form of a Status Report.

Assignments in getting out the first draft of the Status report will be:
1. Biodegradation : RHM/R.E. Keller/E. S. Tucker
2. Aroclor 1016 Justification : P. G. Benignus
3. "Hard" PCB/Degradable PCB Statistics : C. Paton/PGB
4. Plant effluent levels : W. B. Papageorge

The next meeting of RHM/REK/PGB/WBP/CP will be held between April 21-24. Thereafter a draft will be circulated to management for comment and revision.

In preparing for this meeting we need to be aware of the following and ready to handle:
1. G.E./Westinghouse approaches to O.S.T. (MC should be consistent).
2. Status of PCBs in other countries.
3. Other biodegradation/toxicity studies on PCBs.
4. Literature/advertisements on non-PCB replacements for capacitors/transformers. (Competitive suppliers etc. may have already approached these agencies trying to justify bans on PCBs.)
5. Statistics on safety claims for askarel transformers (Defer to industry).

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6. Statistics on life of PCB capacitors (Defer to industry.)
7. PCB controls at manufacturing/customer plants.
8. ANSI C-107.

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