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TO: LABORATORY DIRECTORS

You may, by now, have heard through the public press of the crisis that has developed because of PCB contamination of animal feeds. Owners of flocks and herds who are affected may be asking your laboratory for help. If you have had considerable experience analyzing for pesticide residues, we assume you could also analyze for PCB's.

If you should accept samples for analysis, we recommend you use the enclosed method. To the best of our knowledge, the PCB in question was Monsanto's Aroclor No. 1242. If you wish, we will be glad to furnish some of this material to you as a standard; please telephone Mr. Anthony J. Malanowski at 301, 474-4800, extension 596 or 597. He will also answer any questions regarding methodology.

Your results will be monitored by a split sample procedure by one of our Federal laboratories. Your reports, consisting of analytical findings, sample number and identification of growers should be air mailed daily to Mr. O. L. Bennett, head, Chemistry Group, Laboratory Services Division, C&MS, USDA, Washington, DC 20250.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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