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As we develop replacements for PCB containing products we must assure ourselves that the replacements are not highly persistent, thereby becoming environmental contaminants of the future.

From laboratory reports both in St. Louis and Ruabon, I have the impression some of our proposed replacement products are awaiting biodegradation tests because priorities have not as yet been established.

Will you please determine what information or assistance our laboratories need to establish priorities. When the priorities have been established, will you have each of the labs develop target dates for the biodegradation testing of MCS 717, MCS 762, chlorinated diphenyl ethers, bromo chloro diphenyls, chlorinated terphenyls, brominated diphenyls, phosphate esters, and other replacement candidates.

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