re: Aroclor 5460

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Len, you probably are well aware from discussions with Paul Graham of the overall situation on Aroclor 5460. We have a considerable amount of toxicity data on Aroclor 5460 which was gathered in preparation for submitting a petition to FDA, but we have decided to delay this for at least six months.

The consensus between the Product Group and Commercial Development is that we should not give out all our toxicity data pending submission of the FDA petition. However, as an example of its behaviour in a well known toxicity test perhaps you should give Mr. Pantsios the acute oral LD50-rat-mixed sex-33.3% solution in corn oil-number. It is 19,000 mg/kg of body weight which puts it in the class of materials called "practically non-toxic."

Our problem is that the test data on Aroclor 5460 is very good, but the political climate on polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) is very bad and people associate Aroclor 5460 with PCBs. We do not want people to look at the data and start acting as though Aroclor 5460 already is regulated by FDA. On the other hand, there is no good reason for alarm and we do plan to submit the petition on Aroclor 5460 to FDA in due course.

How well qualified is A. A. Pantsios to interpret the significance of toxicity data?

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