

August 31, 1970

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Dear Dr. Continelli:

Your letter to Monsanto Company dated August 24, 1970 was forwarded to me for response since I have been assigned the responsibility for studying the total PCB environmental problem.

I appreciate the concern you have regarding the possible toxic effects of PCB.

Monsanto has manufactured Aroclors for about 40 years and throughout the period we have not observed any harmful effects on our employees or our customer's employees. Extensive animal testing being conducted for Monsanto has not revealed any evidence of deformity in the usual laboratory animals. We are therefore disturbed by the article's reference to birth defects in animals. To our knowledge no laboratory has evidence to confirm this statement.

I am enclosing some literature on this product which I hope you find useful.

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I regret I cannot refer you to articles concerning poisoning cases with Aroclors, because after exhaustive search we have not found a single reported incident.

If I can be of further service, please let me know.

Sincerely,

W. B. Papageorge
Manager, Environmental Control

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