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I have two notes of interest in connection with the PCB problem. First, Mr. Clarence W. Klassen, Technical Director of the Illinois Sanitary Water Board (Illinois pollution regulatory agency) called to discuss the PCB problem which had been brought up at a Lake Michigan state pollution meeting. As an aftermath of the Lake Michigan conference, regulatory meetings are being held by the state pollution authorities between the states of Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Illinois. At the most recent meeting of this group held two weeks ago in a discussion of data developed in the on-going Lake Michigan study concerning DDT, the PCB problem was mentioned. At that time the Technical Secretary of the Michigan Water Resources Commission, Mr. Ralph Purdy, mentioned to Mr. Klassen that Monsanto knew all about this problem, hence the call.

I gave Klassen the general party line concerning PCB, its industrial uses and its analysis. The whole subject brings to mind that we have promised many of these pollution authorities as well as several customers some data developed in our PCB research programs. It is imperative that we develop some data for distribution to these agencies if for no other reason than to keep faith. I strongly recommend that we get the fish toxicity tests and the data ready for distribution as soon as possible.

The second issue that has arisen is in connection with trade name materials that contain large amounts of PCB's and how inquiries must be answered on the toxicity of these materials. At the present time we are holding a request from Carl Clay to discuss the toxicity of Turbinol 153 (formally MCS 153) with Texas Eastern Gas Transmission Corp. in Houston, Texas. Turbinol 153 is principally PCB's. The question that arises is do we tell this customer that this product is composed of principally PCB with some phosphate ester and then give



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the customer the toxicity and safe handling characteristics? Or, do we wait until the customer is informed by the general PCB information program? In the case of the Texas Eastern request, they want to know what the decomposition products of Turbinol 153 would be. We cannot give this information to the customer without revealing that it is principally a chlorinated organic.

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