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Mr. F.J. Fitzgerald, V.P.
Monsanto Chemical Corp.
800 N. Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, Mo. 63166

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald,

I was most pleased to read in the New York Times business section on January 27th that the Monsanto Chemical Corp. intends to phase out the production of PCBs.

I have been concerned about the contamination of the Hudson River and surrounding waters caused by discharges of PCB wastes emanating from two General Electric plants on the upper Hudson.

Please advise me of an approximate timetable for this phase-out and what, if any, substitutes would be recommended for use as dielectric fluids in place of PCBs, (as well as other uses).

I thank and commend you upon this public spirited action which will help to preserve our environment.

Sincerely,

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