

Mr. Erik Jansson
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Dear Mr. Jansson:

Thank you for your letter of October 4, 1983, concerning pentachlorophenol (penta).

As we pointed out in our letter of September 26, the Agency is concerned about potential health effects of penta and for this reason we are proposing additional precautions for applicators and elimination of the use of penta treated wood in residences. We believe these measures will reduce exposure to a level that will not pose unreasonable risks to the health of workers or the public. As we also pointed out in our letter, other program offices in EPA are evaluating the non-pesticidal uses of penta. We will forward a copy of this correspondence to the Offices of Toxic Substances, Drinking Water and Solid Waste for further information on their activities concerning penta.

As I am sure you know, the Agency has recently issued notices to conclude the RPAR reviews of EDB, lindane, strychnine and 2,4,5-T. For your convenience, I am enclosing copies of these notices.

We appreciate your concern for the safe regulation of pesticides. If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,



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Enclosures

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