

**FOLLOWUP ON ALLEGED PCB SPILLS
RESULTING IN INJURIES
IDENTIFIED IN THE
HAZARDOUS EVENTS DATA BASE**

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PCB RELEASES IN WHICH INJURIES OCCURRED
(per National Response Center reports)

Event (as listed in EPA Reg.)	Date of Spill	Amt. of Spill	No. of Injuries	Reporter of Spill Company Name & Address	Incident/Citation	Name & Address of Spiller	Notes
(1)	10/10/82	2 gals.	0	Columbus & Southern Ohio Electric Company 215 N. Front St. Columbus, Ohio 43215	Capacitor ruptured on a pole in front of spiller's address.	CASCO Electric Co. 1287 Sullivant Ave. Columbus, OH 43215	net
Recommended Action: Company personnel are on the scene conducting cleanup operations of contaminated area. Will pack and dispose of properly. Notified Ohio EPA.							
(2)				No match with NRC records see UPI info, attached.			
(3)				No match with NRC records see UPI info, attached.			
(4)	11/01/83	1 gal.	1	WI Electric Power Co. P.O. Box 2004 Milwaukee, WI 53201	Capacitor/interior failure injured person sprayed with material.	7 2700 N. 71st. St. Milwaukee, WI	netC
Recommended Action: Recommended area be isolated and cleaned up.							
(5)	09/17/84	0	6	Ford Motor Co. Livonia, MI	NRC HAD NO RECORD OF THIS INCIDENT. SEE FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY.		
(6)	02/29/84	4-5 gals.	8	Winn Dixie P.O. Box 31397 Charlotte, NC 28031	Transformer heated, an warehouse floor under investigation. 8 people in isolation.	Winn Dixie 1105 New Blvd. Charlotte, NC	netC
Recommended Action: CE on the scene will be clean up.							
(7)	03/21/84	200 gals.	2	Ganes 2403 Pa. Ave. Wellston, Ohio	Transformer blew up 2 people sprayed/showered and disposed of clothes in metal drum. Last analysis showed 16.5 ppm. Took another sample to verify.	Same	netC
Recommended Action: Speed-dri damped up area using straw.							
(8)	03/30/84	7 gals.	2	Westinghouse Unknown	Transformer valve was opened by mistake. Material was spilled on two people.	Watts Bar Nuclear Plant Spring City, TN	netC
Recommended Action: No cleanup.							
(9)	02/27/83	unk.	8	Dupont Union 76 Yale Avenue Newcastle, DE 19720	Mixing chemical produced PCB. No seal when crew pulled them. Awaiting results of skin tests of 5 people who got material on them.	Dupont Plant James & Water St. Newport, DE	netC
Recommended Action: Washed into sewer; disposed of drums.							
(10)	05/01/83	20 lbs.	2	Dept. of Public Safety 1100 W. Kaibab Ln. Flagstaff, AZ 86001	Commercial vehicle accident; truck was hauling waste PCB.	Milepost 91, Interstate 40, (eastbound) Flagstaff, AZ	netC
Recommended Action: None (Moved vehicle to open interstate. Waiting for shipper or EPA to cleanup.)							
(11)	04/15/83	2-3 gals.	1	Florida Screen Ent. Inc. 2490 NW 37th Ave. Miami, FL 33155	Car struck light pole & transformer ruptured on ground.	Unknown 2490 NW 37th Ave. Miami, FL 33159	netC
Recommended Action: Florida Power & Light sent crew out to clean up.							
(12)	07/02/83	18 gals.	1	Commonwealth Edison 5659 W. Oak Chicago, IL	Primary device on transformer blew.	Unknown 11 E. Adams St. Chicago, IL	netC
Recommended Action: Cleanup crew being assembled to cleanup area. Will remove material in pump.							
(13)	09/24/83	unk.	1	Alabama State Police Route 6, P.O. 19 Hamilton, AL 35570	Tractor trailer overturned. Trailer was transporting contaminated dirt for disposal.	Unknown 3-4 miles south of Hackleburg, Alabama on Route US 43 (Marion Cnty.)	netC
Recommended Action: Tennessee Valley Authority owns shipment; have cleanup people.							

POB RELEASED IN WHICH INJURIES OCCURRED
(as reported by UPI)

Event (as listed in EPA Ref.)	Date of Spill	Amt. of Spill	No. of Injuries	Reporter of Spill Company Name & Address	Incident/Citation	Name & Address of Spiller	Source
(2)	01/29/84	15000 lbs.	2	American Electric Co. Jacksonville, Florida	Blast & fire at warehouse; two 9,000 gal. tanks & dozens of 55-gal. drums of PCBs destroyed in fire (30,000-50,000 gals.)	American Electric Co. (warehouse) Jacksonville, Fla. owned by Conversion Technology Corp.	UPI

Recommended Action/Action Taken: Dirt and absorbent material spread on the water (used by firefighters), dikes were also built to prevent contamination from runoff water.

(3)	06/13/84	78 lbs.	1-3	Unknown, Portland Portland, Oregon	Transformer bounced off truck on to freeway, spilled approx. 13 gals. PCB-laden oil on freeway. Half of remaining 23 transformers on truck feared undetermined amt. of PCBs.	Randy Offield (driver) Preventive Chemical Behavior, Inc., Kansas City, MO.	UPI
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Recommended Action/Action Taken: Eastbound lanes of freeway sealed for 3-mile stretch for about 24 hours; about quarter-mile of roadway was resurfaced. Motorists on the roadway in the area of spill urged to run their vehicles through car wash, then have cars tested by EPA.

PCB RELEASED IN WHICH INJURIES OCCURRED
FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY

Event No.
(Per EPA Data Base): 1

Date of Incident: 6 October 1982 (per EPA Data Base)
10 October 1982 (per NRC record)
10 September 1983 (per Columbus & Southern Ohio
Electric Co.)

Amt. of Spill: 60 lbs. (per EPA Data Base)
2 gals. (per NRC report)

NRC Report Availability: Yes (for 10 October 1982 only)

Injuries Reported: One (1) (per EPA Data Base)
None (0) (per NRC record)
None (0) (per referents)

Reporter of Spill/Address: Columbus & Southern Ohio Electric Co.
215 N. Front Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Spiller/Location: Columbus & Southern Ohio Electric Company
1287 Sullivant Avenue (on pole)
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Referent(s): Dee Netter, Environmental Section
Norman L. Rearick, Chemist
Columbus & Southern Ohio Electric Company

Telephone: (614) 464-7700

Record of Conversation with Referent(s):

Spoke to Ms. Dee Netter, Environmental Section, who referred me to Mr. Norman L. Rearick, Chemist.

Mr. Rearick returned my call. He has the report and has tried to substantiate the reports, especially with the electric companies. He has no record of a spill on 10/6/82 on Sullivant Avenue, nor does he have any report for 10/10/82. The only record of a spill he has is on 9/10/83 at 2879 Sullivant Avenue. The capacitor exploded and dumped 5.1 gallons of PCB fluid. There were no injuries, there was no one around at the time. Mr. Rearick was later sent to the site, since EPA, Ohio, had objected to the original cleanup of the siding on the house next door to the spill. (The spill was in an alleyway, so the fluid had spilled on vegetation, earth, and the side of a house. EPA, Ohio, had approved of their cleanup of the vegetation and earth. They removed approximately 5 barrels of bushes and earth and replaced same. The house siding was cleaned with solvent/detergent.

Mr. Rearick went to the site after EPA, Ohio, disapproved of the house siding cleanup. They cleaned it again and received EPA approval.

According to Mr. Rearick, there were no injuries to anyone.

PCB RELEASED IN WHICH INJURIES OCCURRED
FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY

Event No. (Per EPA Data Base):	2
Date of Incident:	29 January 1984 (per EPA Data Base)
Amt. of Spill:	15000 lbs. (per EPA Data Base) 30,000-50,000 gallons PCB (per UPI) 3,000-6,000 gallons PCB (per referent)
NRC Report Availability:	No (UPI report)
Injuries Reported:	Two (2) (per EPA Data Base) Two (2) (per UPI) Two (2) (per referent)
Reporter of Spill/Address:	American Electric Company (per EPA Data Base) Jacksonville, Fl. Conversion Technology Corp. Jacksonville, Fl. (new owners of bldg.)
Spiller/Location:	American Electric Corp. warehouse Jacksonville, Fl. (located on property of Conversion Technology Corp.)
Referent(s):	Vinnie Cassidy Environmental Protection Agency, Jacksonville, Fl.
Telephone:	(904) 633-3318

Record of Conversation with Referent(s):

American Electric Company sold the premises to Conversion Technology Corporation, however, American Electric continued to store PCBs in the main storage area outside the building. American Electric Company did not report the sale to EPA. Initially, arson was suspected, however, this was never proven.

One or two 3,000-gallon tanks containing PCBs were located inside the building. These tanks did burn. The combustion was supported mainly by petroleum. The main storage area was outside the building and contained a 50-60,000 gallon tank. This was kept wet by firemen and did not burn or leak. The clean-up of the site was supervised by EPA. The contamination assessment of the neighborhood found light traces of PCBs but below Federal limits. Two men were burned in the explosion, one seriously. There have never been any complaints of PCB-related injuries, even by the two men who were burned.

PCB RELEASED IN WHICH INJURIES OCCURRED
FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY

Event No.
(Per EPA Data Base): 3

Date of Incident: 13 August 1984 (per EPA Data Base)

Amt. of Spill: 98 lbs. (per EPA Data Base)
8-10 gals. (per referent)

NRC Report Availability: No (UPI report)

Injuries Reported: One (1) (per EPA Data Base)
None (0) (per referent)
One (1) (per UPI)

Reporter of Spill/Address: Unknown
Portland, Oregon

Spiller/Locations: see below

Referent(s): Ms. Jo Brooks
Public Affairs Representative
Hazardous & Solid Waste Division
Dept. of Environmental Quality
Portland, Oregon

Telephone: (503) 229-6044

Record of Conversation with Referent(s):

Spoke to Jo Brooks on 2/26/86. She explained that a truck (poorly loaded) was carrying transformers. Some of these transformers fell off the truck, ruptured, and spilled (8-10 gals. of fluid). She said that she had been on the job only about a week and remembered the incident well. It did make the papers and caused quite a stir. She had a picture showing the truck driver (who had no shirt on) having his forearms washed down by two men in decontamination suits. She did state that there were absolutely no injuries and that there were no reported burns or other adverse health effects by the truck driver.

According to UPI, a transformer bounced off a truck onto the freeway, spilling approximately 13 gallons PCB-laden oil on freeway. Half of the remaining transformers on the truck leaked an undetermined amount of PCB. The eastbound lanes of the freeway were sealed for a five-mile stretch between the Interstate 205 interchange and Fairview for about 24 hours. About a quarter-mile stretch of the roadway was resurfaced. (Officials reported the concentration of PCBs in the oil was 300 ppm.) It was possible that several hundred motorists drove over the oil material. The spill covered an area about 250 feet long, but passing cars probably spread the PCBs more than a mile down the freeway. Oregon Highway Division crews spread 25 50-lb. bags of absorbent material over the spill to remove as much as possible from the roadway. Authorities said the leaking transformers would be loaded in steel containers and that the

truck driver, who was cited for carrying an insecure load, would be allowed to drive them to an authorized disposal site in Nevada. By Saturday evening, three people who said they might have been exposed to the oil had contacted the Multnomah County Sheriff's Dept., one of whom complained of a headache and sore throat. Motorists who were on the roadway in the area of the spill were urged to run their vehicles through a car wash, avoid any direct contact with the oil, and have their vehicles tested by EPA officials after they had been cleaned.

PCB RELEASED IN WHICH INJURIES OCCURRED
FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY

Event No.
(Per EPA Data Base): 4

Date of Incident: 1 November 1983 (per EPA Data Base & NRC record)

Amt. of Spill: 8 lbs. (per EPA Data Base)
1 gal. (per NRC record)

NRC Report Availability: Yes

Injuries Reported: One (1) (per EPA Data Base)
One (1) (per NRC record)
None (0) (per referent)

Reporter of Spill/Address: Wisconsin Electric Power Company
P.O. 2046
Milwaukee, WI 53201

Spiller/Location: Unknown
2700 N. 71st St.
Milwaukee, WI

Referent(s): Dr. James Lingle
Wisconsin Electric Power Company

Telephone: (414) 277-2156

Record of Conversation with Referent(s):

Spoke to Dr. Lingle on 2/26/86. The incident happened about 11:30 p.m. on 11/01/83 at 2700 N. 71st St., Milwaukee, WI. A tree branch fell on a bank of capacitors and some were cracked and discharged liquid. Wisconsin Electric (WE) had the area completely clean by 6:00 a.m. the next morning. DNR was notified. WE took it upon themselves to talk to the area property owners and notify them of this incident. One lady, who lived at 2765 N. 70th St., said that she was standing on her porch at the time of the incident. She was upset over the fact that she may have been exposed to PCBs. (The lady was a nurse.)

According to Dr. Lingle, there were no injuries. The NRC report listed one injury and the only thing Dr. Lingle can think of is that they are counting this lady's report as being injured/exposed.

PCB RELEASED IN WHICH INJURIES OCCURRED
FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY

Event No.
(Per EPA Data Base): 5

Date of Incident: 17 September 1984 (per EPA Data Base)

Amt. of Spill: 0

NRC Report Availability: No

Injuries Reported: Six (6) (per EPA Data Base)
None (0) (per referent)

Reporter of Spill/Address: Ford Motor Company
Livonia, MI

Spiller/Location: Ford Motor Company
Livonia, MI

Referent(s): Mr. Mike Walker, Personnel Manager
Ford Motor Company
Livonia, MI

Telephone: (313) 523-4044

Record of Conversation with Referent(s)

Spoke to Mr. Walker on 2/25/86. Mr. Walker stated that outside contractors (steelworkers) were working on the floor level. They were making renovations, taking out old machinery, overhead electrical, etc., when a roof leak developed. This leak dripped on six (6) men. Upon checking the roof, the transformer located on the roof was noted to be leaking a fluid, had mixed with some water on the roof, and had dripped down on the floor area on these six men. Ford Motor Company examined these men in their medical facilities, had the men dispose of their clothing and shower. Upon examination, there were no burns or actual injuries. The men were reimbursed for their clothing and told of their exposure, as was the company they worked for.

A letter was received by Ford Motor Company from the Michigan Dept. of Public Health telling them that they (Ford Motor Co.) had done everything according to the rules (regarding the cleanup). As far as Mr. Walker knows, there have been no health problems with any of the six men exposed.

PCB RELEASED IN WHICH INJURIES OCCURRED
FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY

Event No.
(Per EPA Data Base): 6

Date of Incident: 29 February 1984 (per EPA Data Base & NRC record)

Amt. of Spills: 38 lbs. (per EPA Data Base)
4-5 gals. (per NRC record)

NRC Report Availability: Yes

Injuries Reported: Eight (8) (per EPA Data Base)
Eight (8) (per NRC record)
None (0) (per referent)

Reporter of Spill/Address: Winn Dixie
P.O. Box 31397
Charlotte, NC 28031

Spiller/Location: Winn Dixie
1105 Nev. Blvd.
Charlotte, NC

Referent(s): Mr. D. E. Pickett, Safety & Security Officer
Winn Dixie

Telephone: (704) 588-2430

Record of Conversation with Referent(s):

Mr. Pickett stated that he was there the night of the incident and that there were "absolutely no injuries." General Electric did the cleanup and "they were great." He was annoyed at the report of eight (8) injuries and could not imagine where that report came from.

PCB RELEASED IN WHICH INJURIES OCCURRED
FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY

Event No.
(Per EPA Data Base): 7

Date of Incident: 21 March 1984 (per EPA Data Base & NRC record)

Amt. of Spill: 1500 lbs. (per EPA Data Base)
200 gals. (per NRC record)

NRC Report Availability: Yes

Injuries Reported: Two (2) (per EPA Data Base)
Two (2) (per NRC record)
One (1) possible (per referent)

Reporter of Spill/Address: Genos
2403 Pa. Ave.
Wellston, Oh

Spiller/Location: Genos
2403 Pa. Ave.
Wellston, Oh

Referent(s): Mr. Robert Peters
Genos

Telephone: (614) 384-2131

Record of Conversation with Referent(s):

Spoke to Mr. Peters on 2/25/86. He stated that this incident was the only PCB-related incident in the 4-5 year history of the plant. (Genos is a food processing plant.) He stated that this incident was quite minor; that a transformer did blow up, and one person was sprayed. That person was sent to the doctor as a precaution, however, he suffered no burns or other ill effects. No food was contaminated. Mr. Peters checked his OSHA log for this information and said that there was only one person involved, not two as reported in the NRC and the EPA reports. He also stated that they did remove some earth, but that there was no saturation. They refilled the area with clean dirt/earth. The 16.5 ppm reading was possibly taken by the State of Ohio EPA; Genos had no information on the reading. As of this date, no other action has been taken on this case. There are no on-going problems.

PCB RELEASED IN WHICH INJURIES OCCURRED
FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY

Event No.
(Per EPA Data Base): 8

Date of Incident: 20 March 1984 (per EPA Data Base & NRC record)

Amt. of Spill: 0 (per EPA Data Base)
? gals (per NRC record)
(have not been able to contact referent)

NRC Report Availability: Yes

Injuries Reported: Two (2) (per EPA Data Base)
Two (2) (per NRC record)

Reporter of Spill/Address: Westinghouse
Unknown

Spiller/Location: ?
Watts Bar Nuclear Plant
Sprint City, TN

Referent(s): Mr. Roger Grier
Electrical Maintenance Supervisor
Watts Bar Nuclear Plant
Tennessee Valley Authority

Telephone: (615) 365-8109

Record of Conversation with Referent(s):

On 4/23/86, Dr. Maxim spoke to Frank Beal, Westinghouse, Pittsburgh, Pa., who said he will look into this incident and forward any information he locates to Everest.

Spoke to Mr. Roger Grier on 4/29/86. Mr. Grier stated that he had been working in either construction or nuclear power since 1975. In 1984 he was working in the nuclear power area and was unaware of any problem involving any personal injuries related to PCBs during 1984.

PCB RELEASED IN WHICH INJURIES OCCURRED
FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY

Event No. (Per EPA Data Base):	9
Date of Incident:	1 March 1983 (per EPA Data Base) ? March 1983 (per NRC record)
Amt. of Spills:	0 lbs. (per EPA Data Base) unknown (per NRC record)
NRC Report Availability:	Yes (for ? March 1983)
Injuries Reported:	Five (5) (per EPA Data Base) Five (5) (per NRC record) None (0) (per referent)
Reporter of Spill/Address:	Dupont Union 76 Yale Avenue New Castle, DE 19720
Spiller/Locations:	Dupont Plant James & Water St. Newport, DE
Referent(s):	Mr. John Stowell, External Affairs Dept Dupont Company, Wilmington, DE 19898 Ms. Nancy Tidona, External Affairs Dept. Dupont Company, Wilmington, DE 19898
Telephone:	(302) 773-4418

Record of Conversation with Referent(s):

Spoke to Mr. John Stowell and explained the situation/problem. He requested a written inquiry stating the reasons for the request, and what use/purpose would be made of the information. He stated that he could not see the reasons for such investigation/inquiry and that he had read that this was "just the tip of the iceberg," that there were actually many more incidents -- that all the states had not been reported.

On 7 March, Ms. Nancy Tidona, External Affairs Dept. of Dupont called in response to Ms. Rigelon's letter to Mr. Stowell of 28 February. She stated that she had checked the file for this incident. The report read that there was a trial process run and that the air was tested at 1/5 of 1 part per billion PCB. There were no injuries. As far as Ms. Tidona knows, they have had no PCB accidents. (This incident was so small that it was not reported to the NRC until several months after it had occurred when it was recognized that an accident could have happened.)

PCB RELEASED IN WHICH INJURIES OCCURRED
FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY

Event No.
(Per EPA Data Base): 10

Date of Incident: 1 May 1983 (per EPA Data Base & NRC record)

Amt. of Spill: 20 lbs. (per EPA Data Base & NRC record)

NRC Report Availability: Yes

Injuries Reported: Two (2) (per EPA Data Base)
Two (2) (per NRC record)
(Report of accident requested from referent)

Reporter of Spill/Address: Dept. of Public Safety
1100 W. Kaibab Ln.
Flagstaff, AZ 86001

Spiller/Locations: ?
M.P. 91, Interstate 40
Eastbound, Within City Limits
of Flagstaff, AZ

Referent(s): Debbie Lump, Dept. of Public Safety
Mr. Ed Ray, Supervisor, Arizona Highway Patrol

Telephone: (602) 262-8250

Record of Conversation with Referent(s):

Ms. Rigelon, Everest Consulting Associates, spoke to Ms. Lump who advised me to write for the accident report. She stated that there was no record of this in her office at this time, however, due to the fact that the incident took place a few years ago, I could probably get a copy of an accident report involving PCB on that date -- 5/1/83.

Ms. Rigelon has written for a copy of this report from the Dept. of Public Safety, Accident Records, P.O. Box 6638, Phoenix, Arizona 85005, enclosing \$10.00 for the written report. Phone: (602) 262-8011.

On 7 March, Mr. Ed Ray, Supervisor, Arizona Highway Patrol, called to "try to shed more light on the subject," however, he said he would need the name of the "carrier" and/or the name of the truck driver in order to locate any information. This was not provided on the NRC report. He then referred me to Mr. Rick Saunders, Esq., Arizona Dept. of Public Safety, Legal Office, POB 6638, Phoenix, Arizona 85005 (602) 262-8250. Ms. Rigelon called Mr. Saunders, however, he was not available. Ms. Rigelon sent a certified letter today requesting this information. As of 26 April, there has been no response from Mr. Saunders.

On 23 April, Ms. Rigelon called Mr. Saunders' office again and was referred to Don Harvey (415) 974-8386. He was not in the office but would return the call. On 4/28 Ms. Rigelon called Mr. Harvey again and was told he was not in the office but would return the call. No response as of 4/29/86.

PCB RELEASED IN WHICH INJURIES OCCURRED
FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY

Event No.
(Per EPA Data Base): 11

Date of Incident: 15 June 1983 (per EPA Data Base & NRC record)

Amt. of Spills: 20 lbs. (per EPA Data Base)
2-3 gals. (per NRC record)

NRC Report Availability: Yes

Injuries Reported: One (1) (per EPA Data Base)
One (1) (per NRC record)
None (0) (per referent)

Reporter of Spill/Address: Florida Screen Enterprises, Inc.
2490 NW 37th Ave.
Miami, Fl 33159

Spiller/Location: ?
2490 NW 37th Ave. (in front of)
Miami, Fl 33159

Referent(s): Ms. Carol Russell
Florida Screen Enterprises, Inc.
4310 NW 36th Avenue (relocated)
Miami, Fl

Telephone: (305) 633-0424

Record of Conversation with Referent(s):

Spoke to Carol Russell who remembers the accident. (It happened in front of their previous location.) She stated that her supervisor actually called the authorities since he knew that the transformer ruptured. Ms. Russell said that a car (traveling at about 80 mph in a 35 mph zone) struck a light pole, knocking down a transformer and rupturing it. (The pole actually fell and electric wires were on top of the auto. The "jaws of life" were used to remove the man from the auto.) As Ms. Russell recalled, the man had only a minor cut on his hand and was walking when he got out of the auto. She said that there was a small amount of substance, identified as a PCB-containing liquid, draining from the transformer. Authorities covered the road with sand, but never (as of June 1984) did any digging or earth removal. They said that the sand would take care of the problem.

The above was the only possible injury involving this incident.

PCB RELEASED IN WHICH INJURIES OCCURRED
FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY

Event No.
(Per EPA Data Base): 12

Date of Incident: 2 July 1983 (per EPA Data Base & NRC record)

Am't. of Spill: 135 lbs. (per EPA Data Base)
18 gals. (per NRC record)

NRC Report Availability: Yes

Injuries Reported: One (1) (per EPA Data Base)
One (1) (per NRC record)
None (0) (per referent)

Reporter of Spill/Address: Commonwealth Edison
5059 W. Oak
Chicago, IL

Spiller/Locations: ?
11 E. Adams St.
Chicago, IL.

Referent(s): Mr. Harry Onishi
Commonwealth Edison

Telephone: (312) 450-5300

Record of Conversation with Referent(s):

Spoke to Mr. Onishi on 2/25/86. He has a copy of the exhibit, "Chemical Releases in Which Injuries Occurred," and has checked with the electric company involved and can find no case where they have any record of a PCB-related injury on the dates given in the EPA report.

Mr. Onishi has spoken to Bryce MacDonald and also to Dan Maxim.

Mr. Onishi sent a copy of a letter he wrote to their attorney regarding this report and his findings. He did state that he doubted the validity of the report done for EPA.

PCB RELEASED IN WHICH INJURIES OCCURRED
FOLLOW-UP INQUIRY

Event No.
(Per EPA Data Base): 13

Date of Incident: 26 September 1983 (per EPA Data Base & NRC record)

Amt. of Spills: None (per EPA Data Base)
Unknown (per NRC record)

NRC Report Availability: Yes

Injuries Reported: One (I) (per EPA Data Base)
One (I) (per NRC record)
(Report of accident requested from referent)

Reporter of Spill/Address: Alabama State Police
Route 6, P.O. Box 19
Hamilton, AL 35570

Spiller/Location: Chemical Wastes Management, Inc.
(owner of tractor trailer)
3-4 Miles South of Hackleburg, Al on
So. Route 17, Marion County

Referent(s): James E. Robson (truck driver)

Telephone: (601) 482-1825 (Robson)

Record of Conversation with Referent(s):

Ms. Rigelon spoke to referent on 4/26/86. Referent stated that he was driving a tractor trailer with a dump bed on Route 17 when he rounded a horseshoe curve and swerved off of the pavement to avoid hitting an oncoming automobile that was traveling toward him in his lane. He missed the automobile, however, he was unable to get his rig back on the pavement — his rig turned over, he was thrown through the windshield, and the load spilled onto the roadway. He was hurt in the accident, however, he remained at the scene for 4-5 hours until his company (Chemical Wastes Management, Inc.) arrived and had the cleanup underway. He was then transported to the hospital, received treatment to cuts and bruises, and was discharged. According to Mr. Robson, his injuries were due to being thrown through the windshield. Mr. Robson stated that personnel from the local Civil Defense were among those on the scene doing the cleanup. He stated that soil was dug up and hauled away. He described the cleanup as "very efficient."

Mr. Robson is no longer working for Chemical Wastes Management, however, he is still hauling hazardous chemicals. (He did not offer the name of his present employer.) He was very concerned about being incorrectly quoted and I assured him that that would not happen.