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SUBJECT AROCLOR SAMPLES

REFERENCE

TO : R. A. Stohr

Recently Cole Weber took action to pull 55 gallon samples of different Aroclor products representing "typical" product which we have been marketing, in response to recommendations made by Jim Alley and myself for retention of samples beyond the date of Monsanto's discontinuance of manufacture. Jim Alley has recommended that samples be provided to laboratory supply houses which will in turn be able to supply samples for various research endeavors. The samples which I have recommended that Monsanto retain for its own use would be reserved for possible use in future litigation or for use in undertaking future testing and analytical work.

The 55 gallon samples of Aroclor 1016 and 1254 which will be retained pursuant to Cole Weber's request are intended to provide material for supply to the laboratory supply houses, for Monsanto's own samples, and for a monkey study which we are undertaking in the spring of this year. Incidentally, Cole was unable to obtain a 55 gallon sample of Aroclor 1221 and 1242 since we have previously discontinued the manufacture of these grades.

You have asked if the 55 gallon samples will be enough to conduct any future studies which we may wish to undertake. Actually, the quantity which will be retained for Monsanto's own use will not be the entire 55 gallons of each grade, but will probably be only a 5 gallon sample. I have discussed with both Cole and with Jim Mieure the adequacy of this size of sample for possible future uses. Both confirm that toxicological, environmental and analytical testing usually takes very small quantities of material and that a 5 gallon sample should be plenty for possible future uses. Since this type of testing is the principal purpose I had in mind in recommending that we retain a sample for our own use, I cannot disagree with Cole's and Jim's thoughts on this matter.

Jim also advised that he is undertaking analytical testing of the 55 gallon samples of both 1016 and 1254 in order to make sure that the samples actually represent "typical" product produced at our Krummrich Plant.

Should you have any further thoughts on this matter, I will be glad to discuss them with you at your convenience.

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