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Mr. Roger L. Williams
Regional Administrator
United States Environmental
Protection Agency
Region VIII
1860 Lincoln Street
Denver, Colorado 80295

Dear Mr. Williams:

Mr. Hanley has asked me to reply to your letter of October 25th.

Between October 3rd and the present we have been assisting your clean up effort by providing technical advice concerning the characteristics and handling of polychlorinated biphenyls. Additionally we have specifically suggested that the most practical and effective disposal mode for the liquid PCB would be incineration during the trial burn which will be conducted by Rollins Environmental Services at their Houston incinerator starting November 12, under the control of EPA Region VI. We have discussed this possibility with Mr. R. Harding and Mr. D. Bench in your region and have broached this possibility with personnel at Rollins Environmental Services both in Houston and Wilmington, Delaware. We feel sure that your colleagues in Region VI should be able to help you to successfully effect disposal in this manner.

In the public interest Monsanto has continued, after termination of production and sales of PCBs, to supply resources to establishing good testing practice for PCBs, to support on going studies to more definitively establish the possible risks associated with PCB in the environment, to funding of studies to identify innovative approaches to reduction of PCB in the environment and to respond with technical advice and assistance in cases such as that in Lafayette, Colorado. We believe that such an allocation of resources is more effectively in the public interest than our underwriting disposal costs on a case by case basis.

We understand that the Lafayette disposal has received funding approval from U.S. EPA Washington.

Sincerely yours,

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