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SUBJECT: AROCLOR 1016

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At the request of Mike Petrilli, I spoke to Noel Sears at Sprague Electric Company in Massachusetts. His phone number is area code 413/664-4411.

Sears primary concern was whether he was taking adequate precautions to insure the safety of employees working with AROCLOR 1016. He inquired whether there were specific tests that they should include in the physical examinations of their workers. I indicated to him that I was not a physician, but it was my understanding that we did not include any special or particular tests on workers in the AROCLOR area. They were included in the overall general medical program of the plant. It was pointed out to him that the conditions under which they used AROCLOR 1016 undoubtedly were different from those under which we manufactured it. As a result, they should pay particular attention to keeping air concentrations below the Threshold Limit Values and they should take efforts to minimize contact with AROCLOR 1016 by all routes.

We then talked about the general problem of controlling employee exposures. He indicated that they were getting quite erratic results in the air analyses,results which he found it hard to believe. Apparently, he is encountering high air concentrations under conditions where he would not expect to find them, and conversely, he is finding low concentrations where he would anticipate higher levels. As a result of that comment, I suggested that he might contact either Carl Bohl to discuss the industrial hygiene sampling or Jim Mieure regarding the analytical procedures. They may be encountering artifacts which they cannot readily detect.

It is quite likely that either Sears or someone else in his organization will be in contact with either Carl or Jim. I'm sure that either of you can adequately answer any questions which may be presented to you.

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