May 2, 1972

Ms. Charla Ann Leibenguth
3208 Watergate Road, Apt. 6
Indianapolis, Indiana 46224

Dear Ms. Leibenguth:

Mr. C. P. Cunningham has asked me to respond to your letter dated April 26 since I have been deeply involved in the PCB-environmental problem.

Monsanto has, for forty years, produced the polychlorinated biphenyls and shipped the commercial material to other companies which used the PCB in their product.

Since Monsanto became aware of the buildup of PCB in the environment, we have been actively pursuing a program of informing our customers of the problem and have terminated the sale of PCB to all uses except for the dielectric application in capacitors and transformers. No alternative fluid with the proper electrical characteristics and fire resistance has yet been developed. We believe that the safety benefits offered by the PCB fluids justify their continued use in these closed system applications.

I have enclosed copies of articles relating to PCB which I hope you find interesting and informative.

If I can be of further service, please let me know.

Sincerely,

W. B. Papageorge
Manager
Environmental Protection

WBP/tgl

enclosures

MONS 094006

360