PRESS QUERY

SUBJECT: PCB

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Miss Lord is writing a round-up article on PCB which will not appear until next Earth Day -- April, 1973. She asked many of the same questions we have been asked in the past -- history, uses, substitute products, our incinerator and how it operates, converting of heat-transfer customers and what happened to the old material, and other manufacturers. In addition she asked:

Q: What are the numbers of Aroclor products you previously manufactured and which ones do you manufacture now?

A: The numbers are 1221, 1232, 1242, 1248, 1254, 1260, 1262 and 1268. We now manufacture only 1221, 1242, 1254 and 1016.

Q: Do the last two digits represent the degree of chlorination?

A: Yes, except in the case of 1016.

Q: Does the degree of chlorination correlate with persistence in the environment: i.e., higher chlorination is more persistent?

A: Yes, generally.

Closing comment: I urged Miss Lord to send me a draft copy of her article, promising that we would not edit the copy but check it for factual information. She indicated she might do this.

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