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FROM (NAME & LOCATION): D. R. Hansen/Santa Clara

DATE: September 30, 1974

SUBJECT: PCB SPILL

REFERENCE:

cc: C. Paton/St. Louis
E. Treffner/Vancouver, B.C.
T. L. Gossage/St. Louis
L. D. Press/St. Louis

TO: Bill Papageorge/St. Louis

Bill, a Mr. Al Abbot from International Marine Enterprises called today requesting information on PCBs. Recently an incident took place at the government docks at Seattle which has apparently made the news-papers up there. The transformer was being loaded from a truck to a barge when it broke through the wooden case and fell into the estuary. Apparently this transformer was property of the U.S. Air Force but had been sublet to a small contractor.

In any event International Marine Enterprises has been given the job of locating the 100 gallons of spilled fluid and dredging the area. They have been asked to put the dredged material into a land fill. Before they do this they want to put a plastic film of some type underneath the spots where they will place the dredged material. Mr. Abbot wanted our recommendation for what type of plastic film to use. They certainly do not want something which would not hold the PCB. After calling four or five people I thought could give me this information with no answers on their phone, I finally contacted Dave Press. His previous experience with the plasticizer group I felt would be of value. Dave was confident that a PVC film (somewhat stiff and unplasticized) would do a good job. Consequently I recommended such a film to Mr. Abbot. They plan to proceed using such a film.

If further questions arise they will contact us. For your information International Marine Enterprises is located at 1907 - 4th Avenue South, Seattle, Washington 98134. Their phone number is (206) 623-2142.

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