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SUBJECT: Labeling Bulk PCB Shipments

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Aroclors, Inerteens and Pyranols are not classified as hazardous under Department of Transportation Regulations governing the transportation of hazardous materials and no hazardous material label is required. Copies of appropriate pages from the distribution manuel used by our shipping people are attached.

Approximately 70% of 1972 projected sales will be shipped in bulk. At present there is only one customer receiving material by truck. Electric Utilities, LaSalle, Illinois receives a shipment in their truck about once per month. The remainder of the bulk sales are shipped by tank car. The current tank car fleet numbers about 60 cars but will be reduced to about 40 later this year.

I have considered the possible use of placards and shipping papers as a means of conveying appropriate environmental statements to both the carrier and the customer. I am told, however, that in too many instances shipping papers do not accompany a tank car to its destination and that placards, including those used on hazardous materials, are often damaged or lost.

Since the cars are used only in PCB service, I propose the following statement be permenently affixed at appropriate spots on the dome and sides of the car:

> This product contains polychlorinated biphenyls which some studies have shown may be an environmental contaminant. Extreme care should be taken to prevent any entry into the environment through spills, leakage, use, disposal, vaporization or otherwise. In case of emergency concerning the material in this shipment call collect 618-271-5835.

Will all individuals receiving copies please comment.

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