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DRAFT OF LETTER TO CUSTOMERS OF AROCLOR® CONTAINING PCB

Office of President
XYZ Company

Dear Customer:

We are contacting your firm as a user of Aroclor® 1232, 1242, 1248, 1254, 1260, 1262, 1268, 4465 or Montar®1. As indicated on the labels attached to the containers, those products contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) of various types.

As you are undoubtedly aware, the PCB concentration in our environment has increasingly come under the scrutiny of various governmental agencies and scientific laboratories. In some studies, certain PCBs have been found to be persistent, an environmental contaminant and, possibly, injurious to certain forms of bird, aquatic and animal life. Accordingly, it is very important that PCBs be kept out of the food chain.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind your firm of the extreme care that must be taken by all users of PCB-containing products to prevent any entry into the environment through spills, leakage, use, disposal, vaporization or otherwise. Some specific applications where the use of PCB should definitely be avoided are in paints and sealants for swimming pools, paints and waterproofing agents in silos and other buildings where food products for humans or animals are stored, and as a component of any container or wrapping used in the packaging of food or pharmaceutical products.

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We recommend that you give very careful study to eliminating any possibility that any PCB-containing products will be discharged into the environment from your systems. Your system should be arranged so that in the case of an accidental leak or spillage the PCB-containing product can be collected and placed in drums for return to Monsanto for incineration; the drums should be forwarded to Monsanto Company, W.G. Krummrich Plant, Sauget, Illinois, Attention: Supervisor, Department 246.

We would like to point out, however, that certain Monsanto products which are sold under the Aroclor® trademark, namely, Aroclor® _____, _____, and _____ are not PCBs. If any of these Aroclor® products would be useful to your firm as replacements for those which contain PCBs, would you please contact your Monsanto Aroclor® fluid representative.

We realize that you have marketed or may now market transformers and other electrical equipment containing dielectric fluids which include Aroclor®1254 and 1260. Although these fluids are sealed into such equipment, it is recognized that occasionally the fluid may be lost through leaks resulting from equipment misuse or equipment repair necessitating replacement of the fluid. Since the dielectric fluid contained in this equipment is only an incidental part of the over-all unit manufactured by you, we are

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not notifying the purchasers of such equipment of the potential environmental contamination problem described in this letter. We do strongly recommend, however, that you notify such equipment users of this problem.

Sincerely,

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