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The Editor
Skin and Allergy News

Dear Mr.

I have recently been sent a copy of your September 1973 issue of Skin & Allergy News which contains an article "Polychlorinated Biphenyls Induce Enzyme Production". The second paragraph says: "Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) are carcinogens which are widely distributed as environmental pollutants."

Monsanto Company has found no evidence which indicates that PCB is a carcinogen. Our work includes extensive toxicological testing, as well as a thorough review of the literature.

I have contacted Dr. D. R. Bickers. His study does not contain any such evidence nor did he make any such statement to your publication.

As Medical Director for Monsanto Company, I feel obligated to register a strong protest to this statement, since one of our trademarks for a PCB-containing product (Aroclor 1254) was mentioned in the same article.

If you have evidence to support the statement, either from unpublished sources or from independent sources, I would urge you to make this information available to Monsanto and to appropriate government agencies.

If the statement cannot be documented via qualified research data, then I believe it is imperative that you print a correction at the earliest possible moment.

Very truly yours,

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cc: Dr. D. R. Bickers