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Mr. Edward J. Hull
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Dear Sir:

We are writing to advise you that, effective this date, Monsanto will no longer sell Santovac 1 and Santovac 2 vacuum pump fluids.

These two Santovac fluids contain polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). As we have previously advised you, studies indicate PCBs may be accumulating in the environment. In some instances, PCBs have been found in feed or in the food chain. An article by Carl G. Gustofson of the Federal Water Quality Administration appearing in "Environmental Science and Technology" and dealing with this subject is attached for your information.

Because of Monsanto's concern over this problem, we have discontinued sales of PCBs where the usage was in so-called "open systems". We have discontinued sales of Santovac 1 and Santovac 2 where the usage would be in food processing applications.

Our action in discontinuing sales for all uses in vacuum systems has been taken because of the problems which may arise should there occur accidental leakage of PCBs from such systems. We believe this action is in the best interest of all our customers who have continued using these materials in vacuum applications.

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Please contact your pump supplier for his recommended replacement product.

To prevent entry of PCBs into the environment during your changeover from Santovac 1 or Santovac 2, return the used fluid to us for proper disposal (by high temperature incineration). Please send to Monsanto Co., W. G. Krummrich Plant, Sauget, Ill. 62201, Attention: Supervisor Dept. 246. To help you accomplish this with the least difficulty, we will pay the freight and disposal costs involved through April 1, 1972.

We will also accept return of any unopened cans or drums of Santovac 1 or Santovac 2 which may be in your possession and credit you at full purchase price if returned to us prior to March 1, 1972.

We sincerely regret any hardship that this decision may cause you, but feel you will agree Monsanto has made the correct decision.

Yours sincerely,

Howard Bergen

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