

bcc: 1800-D. R. Hansen
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Attn: Purchasing Agent
El Monte Chemical
829 W. 17th Street
Costa Mesa, Calif. 92627

Dear Sir:

We have been in contact with Mr. Leenerts of your company (Mr. Ratterman wrote on 3-8-72) concerning the conversion of your Therm-inol FR system. Mr. Leenerts indicated El Monte Chemical would ~~convert~~ its system and have 1 drum of FR fluid to return for incineration. We have not received any further word from your company and it may be your plant is still using Therm-inol FR fluids. If such is the case, we want to review with you the desirability of discontinuing their use.

In May 1972 the Federal Government's Task Force on PCB's recommended against the use of PCB's as heat transfer fluids. Enclosed is a summary of their proposals. Also enclosed is a copy of a Wall Street Journal article highlighting restrictive action proposed by the FDA.

In April, 1972 our Mr. Papageorge sent a letter addressed to "Plant Manager" of your plant. You may want to review this letter (copy enclosed) for additional background on this PCB subject.

We want you to be aware that some Federal and State agencies are sampling plant effluents and marine life looking for, among other things, PCB chemistry. If PCB is found, the agencies tend to determine the PCB source.

In light of the above, we believe you should seriously consider converting your Therm-inol FR system. In the event you have converted to a non-PCB fluid, we would appreciate knowing the disposition of the used FR containing fluids.

If there are any questions on the above, please feel free to contact me at (314) 694-2514.

Sincerely,

Paul W. Gann
Project Coordinator
Heat Transfer Fluids

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Enclosures: Federal Task Force Report, W.S.J. Article 3/20/72,
W. B. Papageorge Letter 4/72.

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