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SUBJECT PCB-FDA REGULATIONS

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As you know, the Food & Drug Administration proposed regulations relating to PCBs on March 18, 1972. To date, these regulations have not been published in their final form. Because of the length of the elapsed time, I believe it is appropriate that we review the status of our action plan.

1. Drafts of letters to heat transfer fluid customers and to hydraulic fluid customers were prepared, reviewed and comments submitted. Our Law Department is reserving comment until they have had an opportunity to read the final draft of the regulation.

2. Mailing lists have been reviewed by Paul Gann and are readily available.

As soon as the regulations are available the following must be completed:

1. Law Department:

   Review drafts of proposed customer letters.

2. Marketing:

   Review hydraulic fluids customer mailing lists to eliminate those customers that are obviously not affected by the regulation (e.g. General Motors, Ford).

3. Marketing:

   Arrange for mailing of the approved letters.

Warren Easley has been contacting Mr. John Wessel, FDA, to determine the status of the regulations and has been told that an amendment to the environmental impact statement is being prepared and will be issued at the same time as the regulations. When asked as to the approximate

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date of issuance, Mr. Wessel's repeated response has been "within two weeks". Warren will maintain contact with Mr. Wessel in an attempt to get copies of the regulation as soon as they are available.

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