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Dear Mr. Tiberio:

... week representatives of a large chemical manufacturing firm visit... office to discuss possible problems related to products ... chlorinated biphenyls which are manufactured by this company. ... ed that these materials are finding increased use in ind... as hydraulic fluids and coolents. Their concern, and now our concern, ... the fact that chlorinated biphenyls, commonly referred to as PCB's, are highly toxic to aquatic life and are chemically similar to DDT and other persistant pesticides.

We are not yet in a position to evaluate the significance of the use of chlorinated biphenyls by industry nor to make any judgment as to what pollutional hazard, if any, may exist. At this point we are trying to ... out whether these materials are actually being used. It is our understanding that Monsanto is presently marketing a hydraulic fluid comprised largely of PCB's under the trade name of Aroclor. ... ... appreciate knowing if your company is presently using ... or similar products, and if so, what the extent of this usage might be.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

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