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Mr. Dennis W. Bakke
Acting Assistant Administrator
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Federal Energy Administration
Washington, D.C. 20461

Dear Mr. Bakke:

Your letter of June 18 in answer to mine dated May 26 to Mr. Zarb is indeed a disappointment. I do not believe you appreciate the urgency of the PCB problem. There is a distinct possibility that, either by EPA action, or production phase-out by Monsanto, PCB availability will cease prior to the time that industry has an alternative dielectric system. This would mean that your Agency's efforts to reduce energy consumption via power factor correction would be severely impaired.

Perhaps FEA and ERDA feel they have all the facts. If this is the case, fine. Based on the activity that I have observed from the outside, this is not the case. It is for this reason, that we have requested a meeting, as we believed you would then appreciate the urgency for action.

We are aware that ERDA is working on alternate impregnants. We are very dubious that these will be non-flammable. We would appreciate the opportunity of working with ERDA on this development as we feel we might make some contribution, and certainly could help in evaluating the products that were developed. I trust you will consider this matter further and contact us if you believe a meeting would serve any purpose.

Cordially,

Clifford H. Tuttle
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