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Monsanto Industrial Chemicals Company
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Gentlemen:

Recent governmental sampling data indicate the presence of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) and comparable chemical substances in the air, in water bodies, and in fish in several areas of the country. In order to determine the nature and extent of the possible adverse effects resulting from the presence of PCB compounds in the environment, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), in cooperation with other federal and State agencies, is attempting to determine the sources and amounts of PCBs entering the environment. It is important that this effort be carried out without delay.

It is our understanding that your company handles PCB compounds or mixtures or comparable chemical substances in its operations. I am therefore requesting, pursuant to the authority provided by Section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1318, and Section 114 of the Clean Air Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 1857c-9, that your company furnish EPA with information pertaining to your use and handling of PCBs and comparable chemical substances. In addition to a general description, which should include information as to sources, quantities, uses, and ultimate disposition, you should respond in detail to the enclosed questions. If any question is not applicable to your company or operations, please so indicate by responding "not applicable."

The information requested herein must be provided notwithstanding its possible characterization as confidential information or trade secrets. Should you so request, however, any information (other than effluent or emission data) which the Administrator of this Agency determines to constitute methods or processes entitled to protection as trade secrets will be maintained as confidential, pursuant to procedures specified in 40 CFR Part 2.

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Within 14 days of receipt of this letter, your company must provide all information concerning your current status and activities and covering the twelve month period immediately preceding receipt of this letter.

Within 30 days following receipt of this letter, your company must provide all information for all of the prior years indicated.

The information required herein should be sent directly to the address indicated below. If you have any questions you may call the person indicated below or Mr. Blake A. Biles of our office at (202) 755-8731.

We appreciate your prompt cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

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for Enforcement

Enclosure

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