MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE CORPORATE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

November 17, 1969

Present: Messrs.
E. J. Bock, Chairman
H. H. Sible
J. R. Eck
J. L. Gillis
E. J. Putzell
C. H. Sommer
J. N. Ehlers, Secretary

ORGANIC DIVISION, LAW AND MEDICAL DEPARTMENTS -- REPORT ON POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS

Present: Messrs. C. J. Smith, J. Mason, T. K. Smith, M. S. Sergen, J. E. Springgate, R. E. Kelly, E. P. Wheeler, Rodney Harris, Jr., D. W. Miller, W. C. Robinson

Monsanto's worldwide Aroclor business amounts to 104 M lbs./yr., 70M used in functional fluids and 34 M in plasticizers. This represents $22 M in sales. Products range from monochlorobiphenyl

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to decachlorobiphenyl, terphenyls, and chlorinated terphenyls. Production locations are at Anniston, Alabama, Sauget, Illinois, Newport, U.K. and Yokkaichi, Japan.

Environmental Aspects - E. P. Wheeler

The 5 and 6 chlorinated biphenyls (Aroclor 1254 and 1260) have been found at limited locations in water, in birds and some forms of aquatic life. Recent indications are that such biphenyls may affect reproduction of fowl life and may be toxic to shrimp. These products are not toxic from the acute standpoint to man or fish but there is some evidence of ecological buildup in certain water deposits, in fish and ultimately in bird life.

- Aroclors 1248 and lower in number are believed to be biodegradable but this has not been conclusively established as yet.

Plan of Action - H. S. Bergen and J. E. Springgate

The availability of alternate products to satisfy customer requirements was reviewed. Main problems are that no replacement product is available for capacitors and replacement products for other uses pose a pollution problem.

In plasticizer uses, evidence is not available as to whether Aroclors escape from end products, either through leaching or by dispersal in burning.

The recommended plan of action is to establish a tailored program for each business group and each customer market situation to assure that the loss of PCB's in the environment, if any, is minimal.

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1. Appoint a Project Manager - responsible for the overall management of the Aroclor pollution problem. He would be assisted by a Task Force from members of each business group plus Medical, Law, Engineering and Manufacturing.

2. Notify all Aroclor customers of PCB problem.

3. Reduce and effectively control PCB effluents from Monsanto plants.

4. Educate customers on need to reduce and effectively control PCB effluents at their plants.

5. Develop and implement new packaging systems for Aroclor 1254/1260.

6. Introduce to market, replacement products for Aroclor 1254/1260.

7. Continue and expand biodegradation test program with Aroclor series, particularly 1242, 1248 and 1254.

8. Continue toxicological test program.

9. Accelerate present analytical test program.

10. Determine feasibility and cost of eliminating 5/6 Cl_2 in Aroclors 1242 and 1248.

11. Study incineration products.

12. Develop business plan to offer:

    - Monsanto Fluid Reclamation and Recovery with Enviro Chem. (Reclamation already under-way at Findett.)

Cost of this program is estimated at approximately ~~$400M SARE and $700M capital to change equipment.~~

Conclusions: In light of the recent and developing evidence of a possible threat to certain species of bird and aquatic life, we should plan to discontinue the manufacture of Aroclors 1254 and 1260. The Division is instructed to develop a program to discontinue these products and report this to the Committee.

The status of Aroclor 1242 should continue to be tested to determine whether it contributes to this problem. Other products which might be involved should also be examined.
(Excerpt to Messrs. H. L. Hinckler, Rodney Harris, Jr., R. E. Kelly, T. K. Smith.)

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The silos are concrete silos whose interior surfaces were painted in 1967 using a formulation that contained 1254. I don't know if there was any other Aroclor in the formulation nor do we know the coating manufacturer; although, this could be found out if important. The presence of PCB in the silage came from flaking off of the material and possibly from leaching out during the silage storage. At present they will have to destroy about 150 tons of silage which is valued at about $30 per ton. As a rough guess, they consider there may be 50 other silos involved in Ohio that were painted with the same formulation. They are also looking into the fat contamination of the cows themselves.

All in all, this could be quite a serious problem, having legal and publicity overtones.

This brings us to a very serious point. When are we going to tell our customers not to use any Aroclor in any paint formulation that contacts food, feed, or water for animals or humans? I think it is very important that this be done. It may be that some of the customers will assure themselves on the basis of non-extractability that a particular formulation might be safe but I think we should make a blanket recommendation against these uses.

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