MITSUBISHI MONSANTO CHEMICAL COMPANY

FROM LOCATION : Tokyo

cc: Mr. A. Shenton - Tokyo

DATE : January 6, 1983

SUBJECT : Research Permit for Incineration at Sea of PCB Wastes

REFERENCE :

TO : Dr. J. H. Craddock
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As you know, EPA has granted a research permit to Chemical Waste Management Inc. to burn 3.6 million gal. of polychlorinated biphenyl containing oils on incinerator ship "Vulcanus."

According to information obtained here, the test burns were scheduled 3 times. The first test burn was successfully conducted during Dec. 20, 1981 - Jan. 2, 1982. The second test burn was done from Aug. 17 through Aug. 28, 1982. We already received the preliminary report on the first test burn (issued by EPA, HQ 81-002, May 20, 1982.) In the Sep. 29, 1982 issue of Chemical Week (attached), we found an article concerning the third burn of PCB aboard "Vulcanus" stating that EPA denied the third test burn by Chemical Waste Management.

We have long been searching for the way of disposal of PCB. We would be very happy, if you would be good enough to arrange for getting the following information for us.

1. What was the result of the second test burn?

   How and when can we get the final and complete report on the PCB test burn at sea?

2. Have all the test burns been finished?

   Why did EPA deny the third test burn?

3. What was the public reaction to the test burns?

4. Have the business permit been given for PCB incineration at sea to the Vulcanus?

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Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

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