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Because of the many years of continuous effort that Monsanto has directed toward pollution control, the Pensacola Plant recently prepared a special pollution information issue of our employe newspaper. This publication was compiled primarily to inform our employes of the current status of pollution abatement at the Pensacola Plant site.

I know that you, too, share our environmental concerns. Therefore, I am pleased to enclose a copy of our special edition for your information and use. This issue has been well received, and we have had numerous requests for additional copies. We feel that it clearly and accurately describes our efforts and attitudes toward this problem over the past eighteen years.

In the last couple weeks, since the publication of this special edition, there has been considerable discussion concerning the effect of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB) on our environment. Although several paragraphs were devoted to this subject, I would like to re-emphasize that PCB was developed primarily for use as a coolant in electrical transformers and capacitators. It has *not* been used at our plant in any form for better than a year. Aroclor 1250, which is Monsanto's trade name for PCB, was never produced at the Monsanto-Pensacola location. When there was some suspicion that PCB might contribute to environmental contamination, Monsanto *voluntarily* conducted tests and initiated a program to reformulate these industrial and hydraulic fluids in order to eliminate the persistent forms of PCB.

We hope you will find this special edition helpful and enlightening. Should you have any questions concerning our position, please feel free to get in touch with us.

Sincerely,

Walter T. Cline
Plant Manager

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