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SUBJECT Il EPA Activities Relating to PCB and Mercury

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I received a call today Friday, Feb 22 from (Ms) Robin Lambert in the surveillance section of the Il EPA. She reports to Gary Patzlaft.

The air pollution division of Ill EPA is required to make recommendations regarding mercury and PCB emissions to the Pollution Control Board so she wanted to know what monitoring was being done for these materials and what emission rates were obtained. I told her that we monitored the cell box ventilation and the hydrogen as required by the Federal EPA and had communicated the results to them. I said that I would prefer that she write to us and request what information she needed on PCB so that I could clear it through our legal department. She did quite a bit of fishing and asked how much mercury we used, what other materials I monitored and how much PCB was made and what was its trade name and use. I said that we had made a mercury balance which had been given to the Pollution Control Board and that they had requested an update which was in progress, that I monitored contaminants which were the subject of regulations such as particulates and SO_2, that I could not give her production information or material usage and that PCB was sold as Aroclor for use as a dielectric fluid in power generation equipment. She also asked if there were other manufacturers of PCB in the state and did we make PVC at this location. I said that I know of no other manufacturers of PCB in the US and that I did not believe that Monsanto manufactured PVC in Illinois.

It appears to me that the EPA and the P.C. Board are planning quite a bit of research with the objective of preparing a regulation just for us. From what the Post Dispatch said yesterday about Briceland it seems possible that the EPA might work with us to achieve regulations covering air, stream and land for both PCB and mercury which we could meet without recourse to variances while adequately protecting the environment. Perhaps Mr. Hosmer could give us a line on this.

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