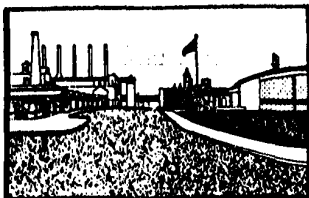


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COMMENT

I WORKED IN THE AROCLORS DEPARTMENT AT KRUMMRICH FOR ALMOST TEN YEARS. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT MY HEALTH, BECAUSE THE NEWSPAPERS DESCRIBE PCB'S AS HUMAN CANCER-CAUSING AGENTS AND DEADLY TOXINS.

I FEEL THAT THE ANSWER TO THIS COMMENT WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO A LOT OF PEOPLE AT THIS PLANT AND THINK IT SHOULD BE PUBLISHED IN THE PLANT PAPER.

ANSWER

HERE ARE THE FACTS:

--IN 1975, DR. RENATE KIMBROUGH, OF THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL, PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE, ATLANTA, GA., REPORTED THAT PCB'S CAUSED LIVER CANCER IN FEMALE RATS FED FOR TWO YEARS.

THIS SINGLE STUDY FORMED THE BASIS FOR THE "CANCER-CAUSING LABEL" THAT HAS BEEN PUT ON PCB'S BY FEDERAL AND STATE OFFICIALS AND A BROAD SECTION OF THE NEWS MEDIA EVER SINCE.

DR. KIMBROUGH'S 1975 PCB STUDY WAS SUBJECTED TO EXTENSIVE INDEPENDENT REVIEW BY THE EPPLEY INSTITUTE FOR RESEARCH IN CANCER. THIS REVIEW DID NOT CONCUR WITH HER DIAGNOSIS, I.E., HER FINDINGS WERE NOT CONFIRMED.

--IN APRIL OF 1978, THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE PUBLISHED A REPORT ON AN ANIMAL FEEDING STUDY IN WHICH LABORATORY RATS WERE FED PCB'S FOR 105 WEEKS. NCI CONCLUDED THAT PCB'S WERE NOT CANCER-CAUSING COMPOUNDS AS A RESULT OF THIS STUDY.

--MONSANTO IS AWARE OF SEVEN EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDIES DONE IN THE U.S. OF GROUPS OF PEOPLE EXPOSED TO PCB'S. NONE OF THESE STUDIES FOUND PCB'S TO CAUSE CANCER IN HUMANS.

WE IN NO WAY WISH TO MINIMIZE THE VERY REAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS ASSOCIATED WITH IRRESPONSIBLE DISPOSAL OF WASTES CONTAINING PCB'S.

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