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Pyranol Task Force

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Dear Jim:

I have communicated with Messrs. Maier and Meloun on the subject of the work to be done by our task force in determining the Company's approach to the Pyranol problem and its recommendations regarding environmental situations resulting from the use and disposition of ~~lines~~ ^{lines}. Since each of us has a substantial amount of products using Pyranol we are obviously each highly interested.

The working group headed up by Ed Raab with representatives from all the major user departments has been meeting on these subjects and has been in contacts with Messrs. Anderson and Murphy of RECO. Each of the members of the task force will meet with his representative from the working group immediately following the meeting taking place in Pittsfield today. Each of us will discuss the following list of items:

- 1) Substitutions for Pyranol, including the economics of substitutions.
- 2) Adaptability of our products to accommodate a reduction in the numbers of formulas of Pyranol made available by Monsanto.
- 3) Disposal techniques now used by General Electric and those recommended to users.
- 4) Anticipated environmental risks in deposits of current Pyranol in use as well as a similar risk in Pyranol substitution.

We would like to ask Messrs. Anderson and Murphy to continue their studies of the environmental risks in processing and distribution of current Pyranol formulation as well as all alternatives which are feasible for the replacement of Pyranol.

Mr. J. F. Young

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My task force upon summarizing the results of the working group will recommend the action to be taken by the General Electric Company, product department by product department if necessary, and policy approach to be used by the Company in disposition of contaminated Pyranol and recommendations will be made to ultimate users to eliminate undesirable and environmental situations.

We would also anticipate summarizing the potential hazards that may exist from Pyranol in terms of flash point levels and toxic effects on those people handling this material.

According to information recently obtained, Westinghouse has installed a \$250,000 facility for the purpose of proper disposition of contaminated Pyranol. This would indicate to me that certainly they intend to continue their current usage of Pyranol or a very similar material.

I will review tomorrow with George Poulsen ~~from~~ Rome the results of the meeting held today in Pittsfield by the working group.

Very truly yours,

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