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RE: Arochlor 1254 used in R. M. Patterson's silos

Dear Mr. Rehfeld:

In 1962 of 1963, Concrete Silo Company constructed two silos for Mr. R. M. Patterson in Douglas County, Georgia. The silos were lined with Arochlor 1254, made by your company. I am sure you are familiar with the fact that numerous State Agriculture and Health Departments have found a pesticide known as P. B. C. in the Arochlor 1254 which is transferred to the feed; then on to the cows and the milk produced by the cows. The milk, of course, is then unmarketable and due to the possible contamination of the cows, the dairyman may even be faced with the loss of his herd.

Although some corrective measures have been explored, none can be guaranteed to be successful in removing the contamination.

We are now faced with an expenditure of $4,000 or $5,000 for an attempt at correction of the condition, or, if that proves unsatisfactory, an expenditure of $8,000 to $10,000 for replacement of the silos.

Due to the fact that silage is scheduled for harvesting within thirty (30) days (which may be prior to the time we can correct this condition), we are also faced with possible losses as follows:

1) The loss of this year's crop of silage in which he has an investment in excess of $16,800.00

2) The necessity of purchasing feed for his cattle over the winter which would cost in excess of $22,000.00.

3) The loss in production from his cattle due to inferior feed in excess of $2,000.00.

4) The possible involuntary liquidation of his herd and the corresponding loss of profits from the herd which, of course, would be enormous.

We feel, however, if Mr. Patterson can be compensated promptly for the cost of repair, we are willing to gamble on the success of this and would execute a settlement of all present and future damages.

I would appreciate your thoughts as to this and any other comments you may have.

Very truly yours,

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Richard G. Tisinger

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cc: R. M. Patterson