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FROM (NAME & LOCATION) J. C. Landwehr - Anniston Plant

DATE October 26, 1970

SUBJECT

REFERENCE

TO : G. L. Jessee

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E. G. Wright, J. T. Bell and J. C. Landwehr met with J. L. Crockett, Technical Staff Director of the Alabama Water Improvement Commission on Friday, October 23, 1970.

Mr. Crockett was "very well satisfied with progress at Anniston on the PCB problem" and could suggest no areas of further work which were not already receiving our attention.

Since he insisted again on knowing what effluent levels were, we verbally informed him that we were presently discharging total Aroclors in the range of 1-5 lbs./day with the latest trend being toward the 1 lb./day end of the range. To his question on past discharges, we informed him that current discharges were down from recent past ranges by 1/5 to 1/10, but qualified this answer that high recent past numbers were a result of higher water effluent flow and high solids content in the old limestone neutralization pit.

In conjunction with this information, a lengthy discussion of the technical complexity of Aroclor or PCB numbers resulted in Mr. Crockett's agreeing that any written effluent level reports would be held confidential by the Technical Staff and would not be available to the public until or unless Monsanto released it. Mr. Crockett also changed his past position from wanting a weekly report to accepting a monthly report of 24 hour cumulative effluent sample results. The initial report and transmittal letter is attached. The second report will cover October 21 through 31, and all reports thereafter will cover whole months.

The Progress Report on Abatement of Polychlorinated Biphenyl Discharge to Snow Creek was discussed in detail with Mr. Crockett with use of slides showing construction of sumps and new limestone pit, etc. Mr. Crockett requested that a section be added to the report briefly discussing the process and the role of various discharge abatement devices. Otherwise, he was quite satisfied with our proposed report. The requested addition will be made and plans are to transmit the report to Mr. Crockett the week of October 26.

Numerous other related matters were discussed with Mr. Crockett during the six hour meeting with him.

J. C. Landwehr

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Attachment

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