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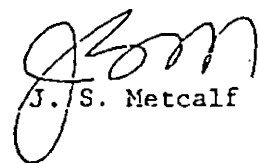
DATE	February 27, 1979	cc.	K. W. Easley	1920
			D. B. Edwards	B2NA
SUBJECT	OCP Crude		J. R. Foehr	B2SA
	Sturgeon Spill		T. L. Gossage	B3SB
REFERENCE			R. C. Isham	B1ND
			D. E. Munie	B3SB
TO	File		D. P. Roman	N2B
			P. A. Tierney	N3A
			J. D. Wilson	N3A

On February 27, 1979, I received a phone call from a Ms. Jo Ann Perwak, A. D. Little. Charles Poole, of EPA-OTS, had given her my name.

ADL has an EPA contract with the Monitoring and Data Support Department (?) to evaluate the environmental impact of 2,3,7,8 TCDD. Since this compound was allegedly present in the OCP Crude spilled at Sturgeon, she wanted to know how it was used.

I told her the vast majority was used as an intermediate in the preparation of pentachlorophenol. I did not divulge names of customers, but mentioned that there were few producers of penta.

I explained to her our concern over the unfortunate EPA press release, the fact that none of the three scientists involved in the University of Illinois claimed the 2,3,7,8 isomer had been proven present, the general chemical facts behind our belief that this isomer, if present at all, could not be the predominant tetrachloro isomer present, and finally our hope that A. D. Little would not add to the confusion already existing over the dioxins in OCP Crude.


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