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Answers for Press Questions only if asked: Call Tom Ford or Ed Johns, ST. Louis (4-2887) (4-2891)

1. What is the material in the Pensacola Plant's effluent?

(A) - We have been told by Dr. Hopkins of the University of West Florida that it is a chemical known as PCB -- specifically designated as Arocior 12. We are sampling now to confirm or deny this report.

2. Do you use this material in your plant?

(A) - Yes, very minor quantities are used as a lubricant.

3. How much do you use?

(A) - About 3-6 gallons a day.

4. Have you stopped using it?

(A) - We have altered operating procedures temporarily so it is not in the effluent. We are cooperating with state agencies and conducting our own research program for more final decisions.

5. What are you doing with the PCB? Is it going in your deep disposal well?

(A) - Yes, we are temporarily putting this effluent into the well until we complete our studies.

6. Does PCB degrade in the environment?

(A) - These are stable compounds and are not immediately biodegradable. We are conducting research to determine the degree of long-term biodegradability.