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Summary:

The memorandum revises the level of concerns for solid residues resulting from the incineration of PCBs from 50 ppm to 2 ppm.

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Morris Kay
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On January 18, 1985, I sent you a memorandum (attached) providing detailed guidance on the toxic constituents which should be analyzed for in the incineration residues resulting from the trial burn to be held in Missouri. In that memorandum, I indicated, among other things, that the level of concern for polychlorinated biphenyls in the solid residues (kiln ash, Coal filter medium, other solids) should be 50 ppm.

We have just been informed by OPTS, that they are setting a different level (i.e., 2 ppm) for solid residues resulting from the incineration of PCBs. In a recent permitting process, Region II specified that requirement, and Region VI is changing the requirements for the SMC and Rollins facilities burning PCBs (i.e., the level of PCB in the solid residues will be 2 ppm). Our guidance should use this same level of concern.

I, therefore, recommend that you analyze the solids resulting from incineration for polychlorinated biphenyls so as to detect contamination at 2 ppm (instead of the 50 ppm listed in Table 2 of my January 18, 1985 memorandum). If you have any questions, please contact Matt Straus at 475-8551.

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