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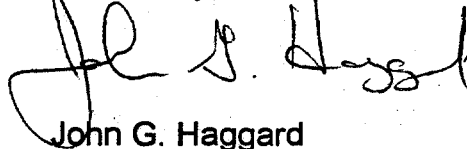
RE: Risk Assessment Peer Review Charge

Dear Ms. Hess:

I am writing to you as a follow-up to the risk assessment peer review charge questions forwarded to EPA on February 18, 2000. GE submitted suggested charge questions with the understanding that an evaluation of PCB toxicology will not be addressed as part of the peer review. I understand that you discussed this issue with Bob Gibson of my staff on February 22, 2000 and based on this is understood that peer review position is that PCB toxicity and the applicability of specific IRIS values will not be the subject of the peer review. If I have not stated EPA's position accurately, please let me know since this would require that we modify our questions to include in the change to the peer review panel.

Once the peer review schedule has been finalized, I request that you forward the list of selected peer review panelists and the final charge questions. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,



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