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May 18, 1982

Mr. Clifford H. Tuttle, Jr.
President
Aerovox, Inc.
740 Belleville Avenue
New Bedford, MA 02741

U.S. v. AVX Original
Litigation Document

Dear Mr. Tuttle:

Enclosed is an Administrative Order to be issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to Aerovox, Inc., under Section 106 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §9606. This order is being issued because the Administrator of EPA has determined that there is a need for an investigation of the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) at Aerovox' facility, and an evaluation of alternative possible responses to the situation.

This order is a consent order, in accord with extensive discussions conducted between Aerovox, EPA, and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (DEQE). Aerovox may indicate its consent by providing the signature of an authorized official of the level of vice-president or higher, in the space provided on the last page of the order. The order should be returned to EPA, Region I, as soon as it has been signed. It will then be forwarded to Washington to be signed and issued by the Administrator.

Your consent to this order indicates that you are familiar with its contents, and are prepared to proceed in accord with its contents. As you know, EPA has reserved the right to take any further federal enforcement action which it determines to be necessary. Aerovox has reserved any defenses which it might wish to raise against such further action.

If you have any questions in this matter, please contact either Charles Bering, an attorney on my staff, at (617) 223-5470, or Jim Okun, an engineer, at (617) 223-2007.

Sincerely yours,



Leslie Carothers
Deputy Regional Administrator
EPA, Region I

cc: Paul Galvani, Esq.
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