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Office of Biological Safety
1552 University Avenue
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March 23, 1982

Dr. Alvin Young
Office of Environmental Medicine
Veterans Administration
810 Vermont Avenue NW
Washington, D.C. 20420

Dear Al:

Enclosed are recommended safety procedures for animal experiments using Dioxin. Enclosure 1 pertains to monkeys fed a pellet diet containing TCDD @ 25 ppt. This level was considered to be only a toxic maintenance diet rather than a symptom-inducing regimen, thus the commensurate hazard element was assumed to be minimal.

In the original recommendation for health surveillance for personnel associated with the project were periodic clinical chemistry tests for liver enzymes. Thus far, these tests have not been authorized.

Enclosure 2 (which you may have seen) is an excerpt from a recently published report (February 1982) from the National Toxicology Program dealing with their procedures for handling rodents given higher doses (ppm) of TCDD. The use of ventilated cage racks vented to a HEPA filtered exhaust system seems to me a prudent, albeit expensive, procedure.

I hope these items are of use to you and look forward to receiving your safety recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Max".

Max J. Rosenbaum, Ph.D.
Biological Safety Officer