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Mr. Ogden Williams
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Dear Mr. Williams:

All of us are concerned with the pollution problems we are facing today. Progress is being made in this field by all segments of industry. Such a task does require the cooperation of all individuals.

Federal and State regulatory people are taking action against certain pesticides. We in Southern States Cooperative want to abide by all the different rules and regulations that are enacted by these individuals. I have studied closely the different actions that have been taken by State and Federal regulatory people. We no longer purchase the following insecticides -- DDT, Aldrin, BHC and TDE.

Whenever we find it possible to replace one of the chlorinated hydrocarbon pesticides with another type of a pesticide, we do this. We have found replacement products for the insecticides listed above. We feel it is our obligation to make these products available to our patrons. However, in the case of Dieldrin we have not been able to purchase a product we can consider as a replacement for Dieldrin.

Dieldrin is an excellent insecticide for the control of soil borne insects that infest seed of lima beans, sweet corn and field corn. Dieldrin is an excellent insecticide for control of insects that infest these seeds when they are in storage. When a replacement product is available to us, we will consider the merits of the replacement product. If we feel it is better than Dieldrin we will of course, start using that product as a replacement for Dieldrin.

Mr. Williams, we appreciate very much the letter you forwarded us. This shows your concern with our problem on ecology. We all want our environment in the United States to be such that we can enjoy our rivers, our wildlife and our natural beauty. We also have an obligation to protect this environment for the enjoyment of our children.

With kindest personal regards,

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