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SUBJECT Dioxin seepage near Krummrich

REFERENCE

TO : M. C. Throdahl - D1D

At the recent breakfast meeting, you expressed surprise that the company had acknowledged dioxin (not 2,3,7,8 TCDD) seepage from landfills near the Krummrich plant. Attached is an 18-month old news release with this information. You'll note on page 2 that we were trying "to determine the origin of the seeps."



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Attachment

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MONSANTO RELEASES RESULTS ON SEEPAGE ANALYSIS

SAUGET, March 31 -- Monsanto Company said today the chemical levels found in seepage samples taken from the banks of the Mississippi River do not pose threats to health or environment. The samples were taken on company property last November by representatives of the Federal EPA and shared with Monsanto.

Although extremely small, ultra-trace amounts in parts per trillion were found of some dioxins, the company analysis of the samples showed no evidence of the highly toxic TCDD dioxin. TCDD is one of 75 chemicals commonly referred to as dioxin and is the only dioxin regulated by the U.S. EPA.

The sample results also found small, trace levels of PCBs. Low levels of several other organic chemical compounds including chloroanilines, chloronitrobenzenes, chlorophenols and phenol were detected. "The maximum concentrations of many substances in the seepage were at or below concentrations allowed under Federal and State EPA criteria." Jack Molloy, plant manager at Monsanto's W. G. Krummrich plant in Sauget said.

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CHLORANILINE

A chemical intermediate used in the production of dyes, pharmaceuticals and agricultural chemicals.

CHLORONITROBENZENE

A chemical intermediate used in the production of dyes, agricultural chemicals and rubber chemicals.

CHLOROPHENOL

A chemical intermediate used in the production of dyes, pharmaceuticals, solvents, wood preservatives and agricultural chemicals.

PHENOL

A chemical intermediate used in the production of several products including resins, pharmaceuticals, solvents and dyes.

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