

Nobody Had to Tell Us To Clean Up the Mess

In your June 17 page-one article "Denying Paternity: Monsanto Case Shows How Hard It Is to Tie Pollution to a Source," you suggest that Cerro Copper Products Co. cleaned up a section of Dead Creek "to beat a federal deadline."

Nothing could be further from the truth.

In 1988, we became aware that the creek required remediation and upon requesting and receiving the proper permits from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, we voluntarily initiated a substantial cleanup.

We are most disappointed that you are cynical about the good intentions of a company that has always cared about the quality of our environment.

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