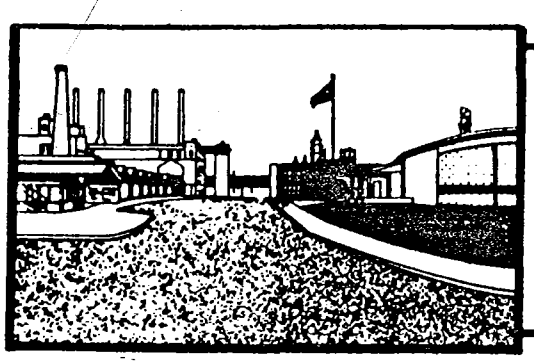

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Monsanto Company

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1974

COMMENT:

I WISH THIS GUY THAT IS THE HEAD OF THE ENERGY CRISIS WAS ABLE TO COME OUT TO THE PLANT AND TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT HOW MUCH OF THIS ENERGY IS GOING TO HELL RIGHT OUT IN THE OPEN. THERE IS ENOUGH STEAM GETTING AWAY HERE TO HEAT MY HOUSE ALL WINTER, WITHOUT HAVING TO WORRY ABOUT CUTTING BACK ON MY THERMOSTAT OR ANYTHING ELSE.

NADER SAYS THAT THE BIGGEST OFFENDERS, BIGGEST SQUANDERERS OF ENERGY, ARE OUR INDUSTRIAL PLANTS, AND IT PROVES IT HERE TONIGHT. IF THESE "HEADS" UP THERE WITH THEIR FEET ON THE DESK WOULD HAVE HAD MEN OUT HERE THIS SUMMER TO WORK ON THESE STEAM TRAPS AND THESE BAD STEAM LINES, WE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SITTING HERE BUSTED WIDE OPEN AND EVERYTHING DOWN. YOU CAN'T EVEN SEE THE DEPARTMENT BECAUSE OF STEAM LEAKS, BECAUSE THEY WON'T PUT MEN ON WHO WILL REPAIR THEM.

ANSWER:

THE MAINTENANCE DEPARTMENT IS IN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTING A PROGRAM TO REPAIR STEAM LEAKS AND STEAM TRAPS ON A PERIODIC, SCHEDULED BASIS IN EACH DEPARTMENT. THIS SHOULD GO INTO EFFECT LATER IN JANUARY.

WE KNOW WE HAVE A PROBLEM IN THIS AREA (STEAM LEAKS, ETC.) AND WE HAVE TO DO A BETTER JOB ON REPAIR. WE DON'T HAVE LEAKS ON PURPOSE, AND WE DON'T IGNORE LEAKS. REPAIR OF LEAKS - AS IS THE CASE WITH ALL REPAIRS IN THE PLANT - IS DONE ON A PRIORITY BASIS. WITH THE CURRENT WEATHER SITUATION, THERE HAVE BEEN MORE LEAKS DUE TO FREEZEUPS, AS WELL AS OTHER MAINTENANCE WORK, AND EVERYTHING CAN'T BE REPAIRED AT ONCE.

MANY TIMES A MAJOR SHUTDOWN IS REQUIRED TO REPAIR A LEAK, AND IN EXTREMELY COLD WEATHER, MAJOR STEAM SHUTDOWNS CANNOT BE TAKEN BECAUSE OTHER FREEZEUPS WILL OCCUR. WE DON'T KNOW WHETHER THIS IS THE CASE IN YOUR PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES OR NOT.

ADDITIONALLY, PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE IN THE SUMMER MONTHS CANNOT PREVENT ALL OF THE LEAKS AND FROZEN STEAM LINES IN THE WINTER. LEAKS ARE GOING TO CONTINUE TO OCCUR, AND WE ARE GOING TO HAVE TO IMPROVE OUR EFFORTS IN REPAIRING THEM AND KEEPING THE NUMBER OF LEAKS TO A MINIMUM.

WEATHER & STOCK

PARTLY CLOUDY AND COLD THIS AFTERNOON, WITH THE HIGH 15-20. CONSIDERABLE CLOUDINESS TONIGHT AND TOMORROW WITH INTERMITTENT FREEZING RAIN OR SNOW LIKELY. LOW TONIGHT 5-10 ABOVE. HIGH TOMORROW IN THE MID TO UPPER 20'S. PRECIPITATION PROBABILITIES: 50% TONIGHT; 60% TOMORROW.
MONSANTO STOCK OPENED: 51-1/2 MARKET DOWN 18.14

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