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DATE : February 9, 1989

SUBJECT : PDCB Listing Preparedness Statement

REFERENCE :

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TO : S. L. Emery - G4EK

The following is the proposed response for answering press queries that may be received as the result of the NTP listing of PDCB:

> "Monsanto is not in agreement with NTP's listing of paradichlorobenzene (PDCB) as a carcinogen. The NTP findings are not applicable to human beings.
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> There is significant scientific evidence showing that the male rat kidney tumors found in the NTP study were caused by a mechanism unique to the male rat. We have presented this evidence to the NTP in numerous public forums. NTP has refused to consider this data in arriving at its decision to list PDCB in the 5th Annual Report. The EPA, on the other hand, has already determined that the risk of cancer from PDCB is low based on its balanced judgement of all the available evidence.
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> NTP's arbitrary refusal to consider additional scientific evidence has resulted in the unnecessary listing of a useful chemical. The public has been unduly alarmed into believing that a chemical that has been used by consumers for more than 50 years now is a health threat."

Please review this and return it with your comments and/or approval. We already have received an editorial query but have held that off by responding that it is premature to comment before the product is listed.

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Date : January 25, 1989 cc: G. A. Young

Subject : Statement & Q&A

Reference :

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Statement and follow up points are listed if you receive media calls. Q&As from last summer should still be applicable.

ILLINOIS EPA ANNUALIZED TITLE III DATA RELEASE -- ORGANIZED BY REGION

Standby Statement: The release of Title III data by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency is not a surprise to Monsanto. All documentation on 1987 Title III emissions had to be filed with the state agency and US EPA by July 1 of last summer. At that time, Monsanto went forward and discussed all emission and discharge information about our plant with the Metro East community. We wanted everyone to understand what the numbers meant in terms they could understand and what we were doing to reduce those numbers. At the same time we announced a 90 percent air emission reduction commitment by the end of 1992 based on the 1987 data.

We are working on plans now to significantly reduce air and water emissions from this plant in the next few years. We will continue to keep the community informed about our progress.

If reporters get specific about the information, repeat your points from last summer:

1. Air emissions of 3.85 million pounds are .8% of production. Monsanto has assessed the potential health impact of priority air emissions from our plant and determined releases to be safe. The data has been reviewed with area health officials.

2. Wastewater discharged to the American Bottoms treatment plant totals 34.55 million pounds, but over 90 percent of the discharged chemicals are removed at American Bottoms prior to discharge to the Mississippi River.

3. In addition, an extensive wastewater pretreatment system is being developed to further reduce the amount of waste in discharges flowing from our plant to American Bottoms.

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