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"Monsanto has received and is reviewing NIOSH'S preliminary report. We have conducted our own study of 593 death certificates of employees who worked in the Springfield plant between 1950 and 1976. Overall results of our study indicte to us that there appears to be no occupationally related health problem at Springfield. We have communicated this information to NIOSH and will contact them following our analysis of their study."