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Safety

There were no major injuries in March.

Through March, we have had 16 releases. This puts us behind last year's performance. A proposal has gone forward to the Manufacturing Leadership Council to set the 1995 goal equal to 1994 performance. We are reexamining whether a more aggressive target is in order.

Ammonia

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued, in the Federal Register, the proposed rule changes for ammonia. There is to be a 30-day comment period. This should allow for EPA to finalize the rule for us to take advantage of it as we report the 1994 TRI (Toxic Release Inventory under SARA Title III) releases. As reported earlier, with this change we will see a significant improvement in Monsanto's TRI position. At the national level, we will be summarizing overall performance versus our 70% goal in conjunction with a relook at deepwell policy by mid-year.

Superfund

Now that the Contract with American has run its course in the House, it is possible to direct some attention on Superfund reform. Until the issue of retroactive liability is dealt with in early hearings, it is not likely that there will be progress. Industry efforts at The Business Roundtable and Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA) are focused on understanding the impact of repeal of retroactive liability. Overall, this debate has turned quite introspective. Each company is now looking at how to improve its position. Therefore, this debate among industry will have to play out before there can be any unified attempt to go forward with reform. We should have a better understanding by the end of April as both CMA and The Business Roundtable have this as action items on their agenda.

ESH-IT (Integrated Technology) Project

The ESH-IT Project is expected to officially kick off next month. The final stages of contract negotiations are complete and the AR has been drafted, which will go to Bob Shapiro and the Board in April. Jeff Klieve, the project team lead, is assembling the high-performance team of professional who will design, develop and implement world class IT solutions for ESH.

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