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STATUS REPORT OF EVERETT SITE STUDY

Our preliminary determinations from the study are:

Groundwater

Location of groundwater test wells was determined by hydrogeological surveys and analysis of past manufacturing operations and practices. Both shallow and deep test wells were installed.

Groundwater analysis from 28 test wells located across the site show no significant groundwater contamination with the exception of one well which showed a high level of phthalates. No PCB's or pesticides were detected in any of the 28 wells.

Soil

Test pit locations were determined by historical record examination, interviews with people knowledgeable of the site's history and extensive conductivity and magnetic surveys. No buried drums were found.

Test results of soil samples were summarized into five (5) major categories:

- Volatile organics
- Polyaromatics
- Phthalates
- Acid Extractables
- Pesticides/PCB's

Results of the 34 areas sampled across the site showed:

1) No significant levels of volatile organics were found.
2) Four test results for polyaromatics showed levels greater than 100 ppm.
3) Five test results for phthalates showed levels greater than 100 ppm.

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4) No significant levels of acid extractables were found.

5) Only one out of 34 areas showed presence of PCBs ranging from non-detectable to 21 ppm. No presence of pesticides were found.

After evaluating the results of the site-wide study, five areas were identified that warrant further investigation. Those are: the tidal flat area; the area around groundwater monitoring well number five; the plasticizer storage area; the Therminol® SP heater area; and the stormwater lagoon in the plasticizer area.

In addition to further characterization of the above areas, we will initiate a program of periodic groundwater monitoring.

It is essential to remember that the contamination we have found at Everett does not pose an imminent hazard to the environment nor a health threat to our employees or the community. However, based on the results of the completed environmental study, we will take whatever cleanup action is appropriate or necessary.

is not the result of flagrant disregard for safe handling and disposal of chemical products, raw materials or wastes but is due primarily to the use of state of the art technology over the xxx years life of the facility. Over the years improved technology for handling chemicals and scientific methodology for understanding possible health and environmental safety effects has led to tougher standards and controls. In any event the results of the Everett plant site evaluation demonstrate that chemicals from plant operations

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