

File Agent Orange - PR

PRESS QUERY

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COMPANY (OpUnit or Corporate): CORPORATE

SUBJECT: Sturgeon Accident

REPORTER & MEDIA: Linda Garmen, Science Mag

TIME & DATE: August 31, 1982

QUESTION & RESPONSE:

Q. I AM TRYING TO CONFIRM THAT TCDD WAS THE CONTAMINANT IN THE TRAIN CAR. ALSO, WERE THERE OTHER DIOXINS FOUND?

A. The subject of contamination in the tank car could be an issue in upcoming litigation and because of this, Monsanto can't comment on any information concerning the contamination of the tank car.

(As a point of information for Ms. Garmen, I pointed out to her that the term TCDD refers to any of 22 isomers of tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxins and that not all those isomers have been proven to be harmful.)

Q. WAS THE PRODUCT IN THE TRAN CAR ORTHOCHLOROPHENOL?

A. Yes. Orthochlorophenol crude.

Q. HOW MANY GALLONS WERE SPILLED?

A. Approximately 20,000 gallons.

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COMPANY (OpUnit or Corporate): CORPORATE

SUBJECT: Sturgeon Trial

REPORTER & MEDIA: Ted Shafers/Chemical Week

TIME & DATE: Thurs., Aug. 26, 1982

QUESTION & RESPONSE:

Q. A JUROR IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID DIOXINS SHOULD BE BANNED AS A PRODUCT. ARE DIOXINS CONSIDERED CHEMICAL PRODUCTS?

A. No. Several media reports have described dioxins as a chemical product. That's incorrect. Dioxins are produced as undesirable trace by-products or contaminants of certain chemical reactions or from the combination of some chemical substances.

Q. WHAT IS ORTHOCHLOROPHENOL?

A. Orthochlorophenol is an intermediate chemical used as a wood preservative.

Q. HAS MONSANTO EVEN BEEN ASKED BY THE MEDIA WHAT THE COMPANY SETTLED ITS CASE FOR?

A. Of course we have, but the terms of the settlement are confidential.

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