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SUBJ: Wall St. Journal

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On a couple of occasions, we've informed you that Wall Street Journal reporter Scott McMurray is working on some sort of story about environmental performance and the Krummrich plant.

I say "some sort of story" because, despite two visits by McMurray to the plant and several phone conversations with PR staff and others, we remain unclear on the gist of McMurray's story...his angle.

He has probed current environmental practices at the plant, past practices, and the status of cleanup efforts at Sauget sites. His most recent phone request dealt with how long we maintain trucking manifests for waste disposal shipments. He also has interviewed the Illinois EPA concerning the Krummrich plant.

As to timing of his story, McMurray has advised us: "don't hold your breath." We have prepared a plan for rapid response and correction of story inaccuracies with all key audiences in the event the story is a major misrepresentation of the Krummrich's environmental state of affairs.

Corporate Public Affairs has kept D bldg. regularly informed on the status of this story.

I'm flagging this for you again simply because one morning in a month or so, we may all wake up to be jolted by a front-page Wall Street Journal story on problems at Krummrich. I certainly hope this is not the case, and many people at the plant and in corporate and Chemicals PR have done their best to prevent or soften such an occurrence. Regardless, we don't want you surprised, so you may want to tuck this potential event away in the back of your mind.

We'll continue to monitor and keep you posted on any new developments. Additional background is attached.

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SUBJECT: Potential Wall Street Journal Story on Former Krummrich Landfill

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Attached please find a memo scheduled for distribution in "D" Building today regarding a potential *Wall Street Journal* article on the former Krummrich Landfill, and related Metro East sites.

Kevin S. Cahill

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Scott McMurray, a reporter with the Wall Street Journal, is writing a story involving Superfund and the Krummrich landfill which is one of the Sauget Sites targeted for remediation by the state of Illinois. He is very evasive about the angle of his story. He has, however, made two trips to Sauget, and has spoken with the mayor of Sauget, local industries, and Illinois EPA officials as well as Monsanto. He has also retrieved numerous IEPA documents about the Krummrich landfill and the other sites. He's particularly interested in contributors to the various waste sites, materials in the sites, remediation options, and associated costs.

The W.G. Krummrich plant and Public Affairs in The Chemical Group have been communicating with the community and state officials about the Krummrich landfill over the past year as part of a consent agreement. McMurray received a briefing on the plant's waste minimization program and other environmental improvements during his first visit to Sauget. He has interviewed Monsanto Chemical Group Environmental Operations and PR people and plant management about our site, and has asked several questions of our lawyers. We are trying to arrange an interview for McMurray to talk with Mike Pierle about Superfund as a broader issue.

We don't know when this story will run, but it has the potential to be a front page article.

Diane Herndon