

PRESS QUERY

SEP 3 1982

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.

☒ News Bureau
☒ J. T. Nolan
☒ J.F. Hussey
☒ J. v. Morse
___ D. R. Bishop
___ W. J. McCarville
___ W. R. Mulhall
___ S. Pickard-Washington, D.C.
___ New York Public Relations
___ Brussels Public Relations
___ MAP PR
___ MCI PR
☒ MIC PR Isham/Carter
___ MP & R PR
___ MTC PR
___ INT'L PR

R. T. Berendt
T. M. Bistline
C. F. Callis
J. R. Condray
A. M. Ford
F. C. Rehfeld
J. D. Wilson

SOURCE OF ANSWER

J. G. Nassif

HANDLED BY:

S. G. Collins