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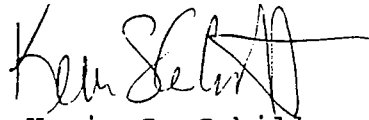
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Attached please find transcripts and articles from media coverage regarding the Illinois Attorney General's announcement of the consent agreement on the former Krummrich landfill.

We received coverage from KSDK-Channel 5; KTVI-Channel 2; wire services; St. Louis Post-Dispatch; Belleville News-Democrat; and KMOX Radio. With the exception of the Belleville paper's report, none were lead or headline stories.

Somewhat negative coverage of the consent agreement was anticipated, however, Monsanto's messages of cooperation with the State of Illinois, public input, and perhaps most importantly, no immediate threat to public health or the environment appeared in all reports.


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CLIENT: Monsanto Company STATION: KSDK Ch. 5
 PROGRAM: NewsChannel 5 TIME: 6:00 P.M.
 DATE: 12/4/91 CITY: St. Louis

RICK EDLUND: "The state of Illinois and Monsanto have reached an agreement that will lead to the cleanup of a chemical dump that has begun leaking into the Mississippi River and as NewsChannel 5's Jeff Fowler reports the first job will be to determine how many chemicals there are and how much of it is leaking out."

JEFF FOWLER: "It looks like an ordinary field behind the locked gate but buried below here are an estimated one-quarter of a million tons of chemical waste. State officials say monitoring wells have picked up traces of PCBs and other cancer causing chemicals."

BILL BOYLE (Monsanto plant manager): "There's no question that many of those products that we are talking about that were manufactured back in the '50s and '60s were hazardous chemicals. Of course, the key here is that there is no public exposure whatsoever."

FOWLER: "Most of the chemicals came from Monsanto's Sauget plant. They were buried between 1959 and 1977."

"There is no disputing that some of the chemicals have made their way out of the landfill into the Mississippi River. Monsanto says it's a relatively small amount, about 30 to 40 pounds a day but state officials say they fear without some kind of cleanup the problem will get much worse."

"But Boyle says the leakage so far poses no threat."

BOYLE: "At that particular point in the Mississippi River, for example, the flow rate is a million gallons a second so a small amount of seepage actually cannot be measured at all."

FOWLER: "Under today's agreement Monsanto will conduct tests and then either move the chemicals or keep them from leaking out. The Attorney General's office says the landfill is just one of many pollution problems that need to be cleaned up in the Sauget area."

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"Jeff Fowler, NewsChannel 5."

EDLUND: "Monsanto officials say testing of the site will
take many months and will cost up to one million dollars."NOTE: Similar stories aired on 5:30 and 6:30 a.m. news-
casts.

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CLIENT: Monsanto Company

STATION: KTVI Ch. 2

PROGRAM: 2 News

TIME: 10:00 P.M.

DATE: 12/4/91

CITY: St. Louis

DONN JOHNSON: "Monsanto Chemical Company made an environmental mess some 30 years ago. Tonight they've agreed to clean it up."

DANA KING: "Earthwatch reporter Bruce Gordon explains it settles a nine year legal battle."

BRUCE GORDON: "Illinois Attorney General sued Monsanto for dumping hazardous waste from its Sauget plant into this landfill from 1959 through 1977. Some of the contaminants seeped into the ground water and the Mississippi River. Such dumping practices were outlawed around 1970."

DENNIS ORSEY (IL Asst. Attorney General): "At some point and time federal or state government steps in and says this kind of activity is illegal, it needs to stop and the activity didn't stop."

GORDON: "Under a court settlement Monsanto agrees to pay \$150,000 in fines, fund an EPA supervised study of the site, then pay for whatever cleanup is necessary. Despite the settlement Monsanto's Sauget plant manager denies the dumping was illegal at the time."

BILL BOYLE (Monsanto Plant Manager): "The landfill was opened in 1959 and was in full compliance with all state regulations of that era and remained in compliance through its closing."

GORDON: "Bill Boyle said to the best of Monsanto's knowledge the dumping here has not caused any threat to public health. Still, the company expects when its study is complete some cleanup here will be necessary but that cleanup is probably at least three years away."

"On the Earthwatch in Sauget, Illinois, Bruce Gordon, 2 News tonight."

KING: "And lawsuits against several other companies accused of illegal dumping in Sauget are still pending."

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Note: Related story aired on the 6:00 p.m. newscast

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CLIENT: Monsanto Company

STATION: KMOX Radio

PROGRAM: KMOX Radio News

TIME: 7:05 A.M.

DATE: 12/5/91

CITY: St. Louis

BILL WILKERSON: "Monsanto Company plans to launch a series of studies on how to clean up Dead Man's Creek, a heavily contaminated former landfill along the Mississippi River in Sauget. The study is part of a multimillion dollar settlement stemming from a nine year old state lawsuit. That suit involves a 36 acre landfill used from 1959 to 1977 to dispose of waste from the Krummrich plant and other Monsanto facilities. The landfill was capped with clay in accordance with state law.

"But, Ernie (Slowtag), with the Illinois Attorney General's office, says tighter safeguards are not necessary. However, he says the site poses no immediate danger right now."

ERNIE SLOWTAG: "The problem is what about the future? What about 10 years from now? If nothing is done what will happen 10 or 15 years from now and that's one of the things to be addressed, how to handle this stuff so it does not move, so it does not contaminate anything.

"My understanding is it's not too far from the Mississippi River. We don't want that to get into the river because then we're not sure what will happen or what kind of problems we'll have. We're sure we'll have some."

WILKERSON: "The exact cost of the cleanup will not be known until the studies are complete but it's expected to run into the millions.

"Monsanto officials say they will hold a public hearing to update nearby residents on the settlement."

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CLIENT: Monsanto Company

STATION: KMOX Radio

PROGRAM: KMOX Radio News

TIME: 5:06 P.M.

DATE: 12/4/91

CITY: St. Louis

CHARLIE BROWN: "The state of Illinois is now a step closer to ridding the area of one of the most polluted spots in the state. A heavily contaminated former landfill stretching along the Mississippi River in Sauget. Monsanto has agreed to a multimillion dollar settlement that requires the company to study ways to clean up the so-called Dead Man's Creek area. The agreement ends a nine year state lawsuit accusing the company of dumping chemicals for almost 20 years and letting the waste contaminate water supplies.

"Ernie (Skowtag), with the Illinois Attorney General's office, says the settlement is one in a series of actions taken by the state."

ERNIE SLOWTAG: "We did an agreement last year with Cerro Copper which was very similar in them working very closely with us in cleaning up an area right in the Dead Creek region. This is adjacent to it, still in that area, and we have several more suits that are ongoing and we are hopeful we can get all to fall into place so we can get this area cleaned up."

BROWN: "Cerro's part of the cleanup cost \$12 million. Monsanto officials say they'll hold a public hearing to explain the settlement to nearby residents.

"Officials on both sides of the case agree the present Monsanto site offers no immediate hazard to the area. At this time the contaminants are covered with a clay cap."

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