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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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