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Dear Member of the Press:

When an emergency happens in a community -- such as a rail car accident -- your role is vital in bringing to the public information they need to insure their safety.

On Friday, April 24, St. Clair County fire and police departments, government agencies, local officials and industry will take part in a major area-wide disaster drill to be held in Sauget, Illinois. The drill is part of a spirit of cooperation among those involved in developing the St. Clair County Community Awareness and Emergency Response program (CAER).

The scenario will be a mock rail car accident, involving hazardous materials, that could possibly happen. The drill will practice and evaluate the community emergency plan, and test the preparedness of local emergency teams in case this, or any other type of disaster, should actually happen.

We invite you to cover and participate in the event.

The public on both sides of the river will be interested to know that in the industrial area of St. Clair County and Sauget, both emergency workers and industry are working hard to insure the safety of the nearby communities. And, your input as to how well information was accessible to you during the drill will be an important part of the evaluation process.

The details are included in the enclosed Memo to Cover. If you have any questions, please call me at (618) 271-5835 or (314) 621-4075. I look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,

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