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PRESS QUERY

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COMPANY (OpUnit or Corporate): MIC

SUBJECT: CRUDE ORTHOCHLOROPHENOL

REPORTER & MEDIA: Chris Conway - Columbia, Mo.
(314) 449-3811 Tribune

TIME & DATE: 2/21/79 -- 12:30 p.m.

QUESTION & RESPONSE:

X News Bureau
X J. T. Nolan
X J. E. McKee
X D. R. Bishop
___ W. J. McCarville
___ W. R. Mulhall
___ J. F. Hussey-Washington, D.C.
X S. Pickard-Washington, D.C.
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X J. R. Foehr
X J. C. McPhillips
X J. P. Mieure
X J. S. Metcalf

Reporter stated he was getting background for next EPA news release.

Q. I'm trying to calculate the amount of TCDD in that 20,000 gallon OCP spill. How much does a gallon of OCP weigh in pounds? How many pounds does the TCDD weigh as a percent of the load?

A. OCP weighs approximately 10.3 pounds per gallon. So a 20,000 gallon load weighs 207,000 pounds. The TCDD would constitute 1/8 of one ounce and to the best of our knowledge is spread evenly throughout the tankcar contents.

Q. Reporter read Columbia Missourian article which stated EPA said they asked for samples but not for us to test for TCDD and my rebuttal.

A. Gave same response as before and explained sequence of events.

February 22, 1979, 3:05 p.m.

Washington Office said EPA couldn't find anybody to analyze blood from clean-up workers. I called Dr. Charles Poole (EPA) and gave him names of four labs where such tests might be conducted. He said problem is none of their contract labs can do studies of blood and seemed grateful for our list. He also said today, urine was taken from eight workers and blood drawn from the two who complained of skin rash (not last Friday as had been reported). Man burned by OCP is itinerant worker (cont.)

SOURCE OF ANSWER J. P. Mieure

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and left town after release from hospital.. EPA trying to track him down, plus eight of the Western Environmental Services workers who were first on-scene. These early workers are now dispersed to other clean-ups.