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WEEKLY PREVIEW

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Issues & Associations Team

- U.S. News and World Report is expected to discuss dioxin contamination at the former chemical manufacturing plant in Nitro, West Virginia, that manufactured Agent Orange. This will be in a special issue on the environment and energy. What prompted the story, according to the reporter, is that the U.S. EPA has set dioxin remediation as a high priority. There are pending plaintiff's lawsuits in Nitro alleging health effects from dioxin contamination in Nitro. Monsanto provided statements to the reporter; Solutia executives were also interviewed, in addition to officials from the EPA. There also is an EPA-supervised remediation project involving dioxin in the sediment of the Kanawha River, downstream from the former plant that has been torn down. The story will arrive to subscribers in mid-March, according to the reporter, and the magazine will be on the newsstands in early April.