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STATEMENT RE PCBs IN CHOCOLATE BAYOU

Monsanto is aware that a recent chemical analysis for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of samples from our Chocolate Bayou barge canal indicated a low level of PCBs to be present. This study was conducted as a matter of routine in the course of obtaining a permit for maintenance dredging of this canal. Previous analyses conducted by independent laboratories and federal agencies have not indicated PCBs to be present. We have never manufactured PCBs at this location. It must be remembered that analysis at the level to detect one drop of a contaminant in a tankcar of water is extremely difficult. Monsanto is currently reviewing this study.