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COMPANY

POLICY STATEMENT

Environmental Evaluation of Proposed New Products and Processes

Monsanto, recognizing the need for control and reduction of environmental degradation, diligently and systematically assesses the impact of proposed new products and processes on the environment. A positive assessment is a condition for commercialization. This assessment includes the premise that in the future the standards for environmental acceptability will be more demanding.
(For procedures see Corporate Procedure-Evaluation of Proposed New Products and Processes together with Medical Department Bulletins and Data Sheets EC-201 and 202 and Central Engineering Department Procedure No. 602.)

Pollution Control

Monsanto has always recognized its responsibilities to the public, to its shareowners, to its employes, to its customers and to the communities in which it operates.

Included among its community responsibilities is a concern for and an interest in the public welfare and comfort with regard to environmental pollution.

The role of government in pollution control and the need for Monsanto cooperation with government officials in proper circumstances is recognized.

The pollution control policy is:

A. Always be concerned for the public interest.

B. Regard pollution control as part of the "cost of doing business."

C. Insure that new operations will meet existing pollution regulations and be adaptable to meet foreseeable pollution regulations.

D. Install and operate pollution abatement facilities on existing operations to meet existing regulations.

E. Continue to devote research and engineering funds to the development of improved processes which eliminate or minimize pollution.

F. Cooperate with appropriate government agencies, including participation in the development of rules and regulations.

G. Maintain relations with industrial and technical organizations in programs to combat pollution.

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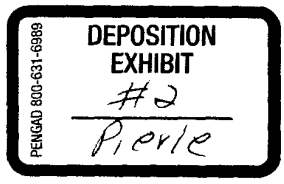

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Pollution control is a line responsibility. Organizationally, Monsanto places this burden of responsible operations on the directors or managers of manufacturing of the operating divisions who in turn assign responsibility to the plant manager at the various operating locations.

To reinforce this organizational concept, each Division has a manufacturing representative specifically assigned to pollution control. To assure company-wide coordination in all operations, Monsanto has an Environmental Control Committee at the Corporate level reporting to the Corporate Management Committee. It has also assigned a C.M.C. member to keep a continuing watch on pollution control progress on a worldwide basis.

Because of special talents, the Medical Department assists in analyzing local problems with relationship to Federal, State and local regulations, and correlates plant activities with these agencies as well as the other concerned Monsanto groups including the Law, Central Engineering and Public Relations Departments, the Corporate Environmental Control Committee, the Government and Civic Affairs Committee, and Divisional and local plant management. The Medical Department thereby insures that Monsanto's actions and expressions represent a consistent program and viewpoint relative to the public and all the regulatory bodies.

Pollution Damage Claims

All claims against the Company for damage resulting from environmental pollution are reviewed by the Medical Department and Treasury Department and approved by the Law Department prior to any recognition of liability by the Company.

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