

PRESS QUERY

COMPANY (Unit or Corporate): MIC

SUBJECT: Dioxin and WGK

REPORTER & MEDIA: Casey Bukro, Chicago Tribune

TIME & DATE: February 16, 1983

QUESTION & RESPONSE:

Reporter called and referred to a recent article in the New York Times (see attached) regarding chlorophenol production at chemical plants around the country. He said he had confirmed with the EPA that the Sauget site was WGK.

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Q. Does your plant in Sauget produce dioxins as by-products of its chemical manufacturing?

A. No. To the best of our knowledge, none of our products are contaminated with dioxin.

Q. Does your plant still produce chlorophenols and are these products contaminated?

A. Yes we still produce chlorophenols, but again, to the best of our knowledge, the products are not contaminated. We routinely test the products for contamination.

Q. Did your Sauget plant ever produce the herbicide, 2,4,5-T?

A. No.

Q. What are chlorophenols used for?

A. They are a group of common industrial chemicals used in the manufacture of various products including dyes, herbicides and wood preservatives.

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