

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL PRACTICES

- Landfilling operations on Monsanto property were discontinued in 1968, five years before the state adopted regulations.
- Timely and complete information has always been submitted to government agencies as required using the best available data sources and information.
- Groundwater sampling completed within the last 18 months confirms that there is no environmental danger based on our checks to date. Further, plant management plans to continue a groundwater sampling program developed in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering to insure the environment is protected.
- Best available technology and management is being utilized in handling Springfield waste materials.

Monsanto's environmental policy is to be a good community citizen and neighbor and to act in an environmentally responsible manner. The Springfield Plant has met and, in most cases, exceeded the regulations governing the handling, transportation, and disposal of hazardous waste.

In practice, we work diligently to minimize the generation of such waste, to use the latest technology in recycling as much as possible, and to safely burn that which can be reclaimed as beneficial fuel value. Finally, the balance is safely disposed of through lawfully permitted and operated disposal services.

In conclusion, we at Monsanto can be proud of our environmental commitment and our significant efforts leading the way in managing this area of our responsibility.