



VOLUNTARY PROTECTION PROGRAMS PARTICIPANTS' ASSOCIATION

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Mr. Robert Aquadro
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Monsanto Chemical, J.F. Queeny Plant
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Dear Mr. Aquadro:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the VPP Participants' Association (VPPPA) and the members of the VPPPA, congratulations to you and all your fellow workers on your facility's approval to the VPP. I know you all worked very hard to achieve this recognition, and you should be proud of your accomplishment. You are true leaders within your industry and the country and are providing an excellent example for others to follow. It is great to see your site gain Star status on initial review.

I have enclosed copies of letters sent to your Congressional delegation and Governor to let them know of the honor your site has received. We will be covering your approval in the Spring Edition of our newsletter, the *National News Report*. Once published, we will also forward a copy of the edition highlighting your approval to each member of your Congressional delegation and governor.

We hope you will join with the more than 220 other worksites, corporations, and government agencies in the VPPPA which are committed to leading the way in worker safety and health and environmental excellence through cooperation among government, labor, and management. As a member in the VPPPA, you will be recognized as a leader in not only worker safety and health and environmental practices, but also shaping the future of the American workplace through common sense, dedication, and partnership initiatives. VPPPA membership is a very rewarding experience which provides you with enhanced networking opportunities, up to date information on VPP and VPPPA activities through our "Newsflash" and "Regulatory Update" services and quarterly *National News Report*, and reduced rates at VPPPA sponsored events. I have enclosed an invoice for 1996 dues for Full membership based on 150 employees at your site.

Congratulations again, and I look forward to working with you and the others at the St. Louis plant in our efforts to share information with others on worker safety and health and environmental best practices and the benefits of cooperative programs. If you have questions about the enclosures or anything else, please call me at (703) 761-1146. Welcome to the VPP!

Sincerely yours,

Lee Anne Elliott
Executive Director

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December 21, 1995

Senator Christopher Bond
US Senate
293 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Bond:

I know you will be pleased to hear of the recent achievement of a number of your constituents, the 150 employees of the Monsanto Chemical J.F. Queeny facility in St. Louis, and the 325 employees of the Springfield Remanufacturing Corporation facility in Springfield. On October 17, 1995 the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) approved the Monsanto facility for participation in its Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP) as a Star site. On November 21, 1995 OSHA approved the Springfield Remanufacturing facility for participation in the Star Program. As you may recall, the VPP recognize worksites for achieving excellence in their safety and health programs through cooperation among labor, management, and the government. The Star Program is the highest level of recognition in the VPP.

There are currently 11 worksites in the State of Missouri that have achieved the honor of VPP approval. The Monsanto facility manufactures industrial organic chemicals. Employees at the facility are represented by the International Chemical Workers Union, Local #16. The OSHA review team reported they were impressed with the effective use of a computerized preventive maintenance program at the facility. OSHA commended the facility for their job safety analyses and safety training requirements.

The Springfield Remanufacturing facility is involved in the remanufacture of diesel engines and transmissions. The OSHA review team reported employees at the facility show great motivation for the site to succeed in safety, health, and quality. The team was impressed with the aggressive ergonomics program at the site.

OSHA will present a flag and plaque to the employees at the Monsanto J.F. Queeny Plant at a ceremony scheduled for February 16, 1996. The employees at the Springfield Remanufacturing facility will receive their flag and plaque at a ceremony scheduled for March 5, 1996. I hope you will take this opportunity to extend congratulations to the employees at the facilities for their tremendous achievements. If you have any questions about the sites' participation in the VPP, please contact:

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Governor Mel Carnahan
PO Box 720
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