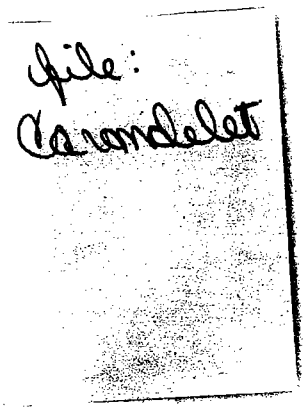


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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE CARONDELET PLANT



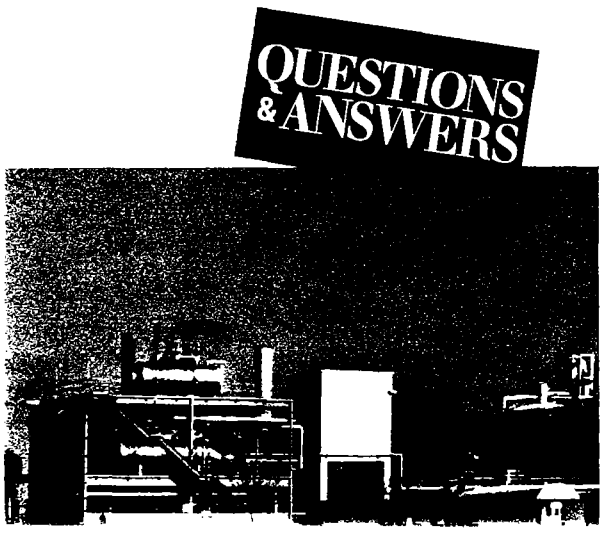
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People who live near a chemical plant often have questions about what goes on inside...and how it may affect the neighborhood. In fact, you have a *right* to know, and we have a *responsibility* to keep you, our valued neighbor, informed.

With that in mind, we've assembled this fact sheet to inform you of the progress being made every day at the Monsanto Carondelet plant.

Please take a few minutes to review the answers we've prepared to questions we most often hear. And, if any other questions occur to you, don't hesitate to give us a call anytime at 577-1600. We believe open communication and conversation is the best part of being a good neighbor.



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HOW DOES YOUR PRODUCTION AFFECT OUR WATER SUPPLY?

Water is used in our plant in two ways: in the manufacturing process and as a cooling water. Waste water from manufacturing operations is treated in our plant, and then it is sent to the Metropolitan Sewer District for further treatment. Water we discharge into the River Des Peres never comes in contact with any chemicals.

We believe that our production does not affect the quality of your water supply.

HOW SAFETY-CONSCIOUS IS THE PLANT?

If you've lived in the neighborhood for any length of time, you've undoubtedly heard our emergency steam whistle being tested at 7:30 a.m. each week day and at noon on weekends. Many people claim you can set your clock by it. The steam whistle is part of a system of internal communications that we have in place to alert our employees to an emergency situation and to activate our prepared emergency response plan. The emergency response plan includes actions that will be taken in the event an emergency has the potential to impact our neighbors. We also work closely with local fire and police departments and emergency response organizations, so they are prepared in case they are needed.

The Carondelet plant is committed to meeting or exceeding federal, state and local regulations for safety and environmental protection.



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Our location first became a site for phosphate production in the 1870s. Since 1935 when Monsanto purchased the plant, Carondelet has evolved into a modern, high-technology manufacturing site, sitting on 18 acres in your neighborhood. We operate the plant seven days a week, 24 hours a day, and employ over 250 people.

As a continuing sponsor of the Carondelet Community Betterment Federation (CCBF), we work to make our community a better place in which to live. An example of our commitment is the "House Repair Program" that channels Monsanto donations through the CCBF to elderly homeowners in the neighborhood to help them make needed repairs that are often required by the City of St. Louis. As the homeowners gradually repay the CCBF, additional funds become available to help other elderly homeowners.



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( ) Send me more information.

( ) Call me at to arrange a tour for our local group. The best time to call is a.m./p.m.

( ) I am available to serve as a member of a Monsanto-sponsored community board.

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For more information concerning plant operations, call *577-1600. Your call will be answered at any time, 24 hours a day, everyday.*

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WHAT DOES THE MONSANTO CARONDELET PLANT MAKE?

While the names of our raw materials and products may not be instantly familiar, we're sure you will recognize many of the products we help to create. Our basic raw material is phosphorous, which we turn into a number of products that are shipped to manufacturers who use them to make products you probably use everyday.

For example, our chemicals are frequently used in poultry and seafood to maintain freshness. And in the carbonated beverages you and your family enjoy. You'll find them in the polishing and cleansing agents in toothpaste. As leavening agents in bread. And as calcium supplements for multi-vitamins and baby food. Our flow conditioners prevent salt and powdered creamer from clumping. And one of our products is even an essential ingredient in penicillin.

WHAT IS THE MIST WE SEE COMING OUT OF THE STACKS?

The white water vapor you see is steam. Many of our manufacturing processes are powered by steam, which is later vented, harmlessly, through our stacks and into the air.

WHAT DOES THE PLANT DO TO CONTROL POLLUTION?

Even before environmentalism became an everyday subject, it was Monsanto's policy to reduce or eliminate waste materials discharged into the air and water or disposed of in landfills. The Monsanto Carondelet plant continually works toward this goal. We have reduced our Toxic Release Inventory listed air emissions to less than one pound per year and have installed pollution control devices to minimize the amount of powdered product emitted into the air. We have found opportunities to recycle solid wastes rather than dispose of them in landfills. And we continue to look for opportunities to further

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