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Attached is an advance copy of the news release to be distributed in the St. Louis area by the MO Chamber of Commerce on our environmental award. This is a special release being done at our request. We've worked with the Chamber on a St. Louis news media distribution list. Another release naming us and all other state winners will be distributed by the Chamber statewide.

Please do not copy or distribute this release as additional changes in it may be made by the Chamber. I'll forward a "final, final" news release when I receive one.

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JEFFERSON CITY -- Monsanto Company, St. Louis, was honored Aug. 31 by Gov. Mel Carnahan as a winner of the Governor's Annual Pollution Prevention Awards. The presentation ceremony took place in the governor's office at the Missouri Capitol.

"Monsanto has exhibited outstanding commitment to improving environmental and public health in Missouri and in the world," Carnahan said. "It is through such commitment that we will continue to protect our environment for the benefit of all Missourians, and their children and grandchildren."

The awards program is sponsored jointly by the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. Assisting Carnahan in the presentations were (Mr.) Jo Frappier, president of the Missouri Chamber of Commerce, and David Shorr, director of the Department of Natural Resources.

Monsanto Company won the award for virtually eliminating toxic air emissions at the Carondelet plant in south St. Louis and for reducing the company's worldwide toxic air emissions by 90 percent. The 90-percent goal was achieved by more than 1,100 employees working on more than 250 environmental projects. The program reduced the company's worldwide air emissions of toxic chemicals from 60.1 million pounds a year in 1987 to 6 million pounds in 1993. Since then, Monsanto has broadened its goal to reduce all emissions by 70 percent by the end of 1995.

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Monsanto has obtained $100 million in added economic value from innovative environmental ideas generated by employees in the last several years. The company has been a leader in the chemical industry nationwide and in Missouri for its pollution-prevention programs. The company's Queeny plant in St. Louis, and its headquarters and research facilities in St. Louis County have contributed to these efforts. Through the Chemical Council of Missouri, Monsanto helped bring to the state the Chemical Manufacturers Association's Responsible Care Program for improving environmental, health and safety performance.

Others honored as winners of the Governor's Pollution Prevention Awards are Envirecycle, Inc., St. Joseph; Hallmark Cards, Inc., Kansas City; Lyn Flex West, Owensville; Missouri Ag Industries, Jefferson City; Parkland Environmental Alliance, Park Hills; and Partners In Pollution Prevention, Springfield.

Entries from business, trade associations, citizen organizations and schools were judged on their project description; environmental benefits; economic benefits; relevance to others; commitment to the program; and community involvement.

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