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increased slightly, while female rates declined. Also, the incidence rates over several decades show a 3% decline for whites and an 8% increase for blacks. If lung cancer is included, there has been a small overall increase in cancer death rates from the early 50s to the mid-70s. Copies of the "1981 Cancer Facts & Figures" may be ordered from ACS, 777 Third Avenue, New York, NY 10017.

Monsanto Fund Awards Toxicology Grants

Monsanto Fund, the philanthropic arm of Monsanto Company, has given 1980 Monsanto Fund toxicology fellowship grants to five universities (University of California/San Francisco, University of Wisconsin/Madison, Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital of Philadelphia, University of Michigan, and University of California/Berkeley). The toxicology grant program was initiated in 1977; a total of \$500,000 over five years is being made available to U.S. universities for study and research in toxicology. In the four years the program has been in existence, Monsanto Fund has awarded a total of \$410,000 to various universities. The remaining \$90,000 will be awarded in 1981. The program is intended to help increase the number of qualified professional toxicologists.

College Loans for Monsanto Employees

The company has available a Monsanto Student Loan Program. Through U.S.A. Funds, Inc. and the Chase Manhattan Bank, the program offers low-interest loans to help pay educational expenses of U. S. citizen or permanent resident children of Monsanto employees. Information on eligibility and procedures for applying may be obtained from the Program Coordinator, Monsanto Student Loan Program, A3NC, St. Louis.

Emergency Response Booklet Available

The U. S. Transportation Department has issued "The Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Guidebook" to provide help during the initial phases following an accident. The guide, oriented to highway and railroad spills, indexes hazardous substances, tells the kinds of risks they pose and what to do about them. CHEMTREC, CMA's Chemical Transportation Emergency Response Center, is the source of information for the most effective handling of an incident and should be called as soon as possible, the guide book says. For a free copy, write to: Materials Transportation Bureau, Research and Special Programs Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, Washington, DC 20590.

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