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Ms Salyer
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Dear Ms Salyer:

This is in response to your request No. SR 474-679 dated May 24, 1979, regarding TCDD in parachlorophenol.

The May 23 article in Chemical Week referred to Crude Orthochlorophenol; it did not refer to distilled parachlorophenol. On parachlorophenol, our data shows no TCDD at a detection limit of 10 parts per billion. This work was done over a year ago.

However, because of the sudden increase of inquiries on dioxin by the press and by our customers, Monsanto has recently decided once again to analyze all of our chlorophenols for TCDD, using the most current methods and equipment available. We will be developing these data over the next several months; and if there is any change from our previous findings, we will notify you accordingly.

Sincerely,

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