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Chandler, Richard E

From: Bumb, Cathleen S
Sent: 16 January 2007 14:17
To: Phillips, Paul C; Weidhas, Charles M; Hammonds, Melissa V; Mc Combs, Max W. ; Jenkins, Daniel B
Cc: Deroover, Kristel; Burge, Steve A; Westhead, Steve N; Chandler, Richard E
Subject: RE: Your email of 15/01/07 to the Guardian

Paul: Thank you. This confirms what I suspected, that the Guardian has latched on to Gowan's claims as the source of a "story". We responded to Gowan's claims earlier this summer and I would not engage him in any response as we have already repeatedly told him that Monsanto is handling this matter and any "claims" he has should be directed to them. He has their attorney's name and number as well.

Cathy

From: Phillips, Paul C
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2007 8:04 AM
To: Bumb, Cathleen S; Weidhas, Charles M; Hammonds, Melissa V; Mc Combs, Max W. ; Jenkins, Daniel B
Cc: Deroover, Kristel; Burge, Steve A; Westhead, Steve N; Chandler, Richard E
Subject: FW: Your email of 15/01/07 to the Guardian
Importance: High

Some developments in "The Guardian issue" today:

Messages have just sent to me from Douglas Gowan . Gowan has obviously been given my name by The Guardian. It would appear that we now know the source of the story that The Guardian wants to run.

Gowan is known to us, he started a considerable amount of correspondence with Mike Lynham (previous Npt site manager) in the summer 2006. He was a self employed "agricultural consultant" who was involved in these waste sites in the 1970s. More detail on his claims to his involvement are to be seen in the attached e-mail to The Guardian.

Cathy was aware of the correspondence that took place between Gowan and Mike Lynham in 2006. We believe we have copies of all the correspondence which took place, but I don't intend to circulate it to all unless told to.

Brief background - Gowan alleges that he was subject to attempted bribery in the 70's by Monsanto, furthermore he alleges that he ingested an unspecified liquid at one of the waste sites in 70's and also alleges that he was beaten up on

the instructions of Monsanto in the 70's.

We do not intend acknowledging his communication unless instructed otherwise!

As an aside he recently successfully sued British Airways (detail on the internet) when he claimed he injured himself leaving an airplane. He has experience of suing large corporations.

Paul Phillips.

From: GowanGwnwg@aol.com [mailto:GowanGwnwg@aol.com]
Sent: 16 January 2007 12:01
To: Phillips, Paul C
Cc: john.harrison@environment-agency.wales.gov.uk; john.harman@environment-agency.gov.uk; pippa.gray@environment-agency.gov.uk
Subject: Fwd: Your email of 15/01/07 to the Guardian

Dear Mr Phillips,

I attach a self explanatory email to the Rhondda-Cynon- Taff authority, and refer to your email to the Guardian, on which I have been asked for comment. Your response is wholly untrue in parts. Before I reply to the Guardian at around 4pm today I thought I would offer you the opportunity for correction or retraction:

1. You state as if fact that "the Monsanto's Newport facility's use of these sites was from 1966 to 1970". This is incorrect.

Fact: Brofiscin received Monsanto chemical wastes in liquid form; as resins; as filter cake; as contaminated muds and slurries; and in drums and capacitors and transformers, from 1965 to 1972, with a pause in such dumping in 1970 to allow for grading, compaction, and levelling. Mr Henry Vodden gave me lists of the materials, and % quantities. These lists were affirmed to me by Dr W B Papageorge and a DB Shearn in December, 1972. Similarly dumping occured into one of the two quarries at Maendy in the period 1966 to 1973, but little of this was from Monsanto, except in late 1969, early 1970, when the Brofiscin Quarry became unstable.

2. Your statement that Brofiscin was only used "for a few months in 1969" is a lie. You do not need to take my word, and I was there every week, and often daily, but Atkins have discovered over 70 major contaminants, most of which are exclusive derivants of Monsanto chemical wastes. We split

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samples with Mr Vodden, and Dr Papageorge admitted to our findings.

3. If you are relying on the 1978 WRC report produced for the Welsh Office through the DOE, then be advised that by proofs of omission and co-misssion, it is negligent at best and may well be fraudulent at worst. Atkins have found it not fit for purpose.

Just one more point. Please do not just focus on PCBs. There are over 70 major contaminants in Brofiscin; some carcinogenic, and many of these are from Monsanto wastes.

Douglas Gowan

18/01/2007