What's Factually Wrong with State's News Release

1. The current version of the news release misinforms the public by suggesting that the settlement deals with a portion of Dead Creek:

   - Dead Creek is more than a mile away from the landfill which is under study; it has nothing to do with Dead Creek.

2. The news release misleads the public by not clearly explaining what has been agreed to:

   - Monsanto has agreed to perform a remediation study to decide what should be done at the landfill site to protect the environment and the health of the public.

   - This study will take several months to complete, after which an action plan will be determined that will protect the public's health and the environment.

   - The public will have a chance to comment on the recommended action.

3. The release incorrectly refers to the waste disposal practices of Monsanto as dumping into "makeshift landfills." In fact, all regulations were followed; the state of knowledge is better today, as to what safeguards should be employed in putting in landfills.

Brooks will call you at 8 a.m. and will be available to write a Monsanto version of the announcement, based on our previously approved statement and copy points.

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