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Attached are revised copies of the news release and backgrounder for the PCB/St. Charles farm issue.

It turns out that the remediation work may only take 3 days -- not the 10 we had initially thought. If that is the case, we will rethink our notification strategy, particularly with regard to the media. It certainly still makes sense to notify some of the public officials listed below, but we will need to revisit this carefully Thursday and Friday.

To recap the plans as they currently stand, we will notify the following:

Media:

Because this is a very small community and there will be considerable traffic to and from the site, a news release will be sent to local media -- the "St. Charles Journal" and the "St. Charles Post". The strategy will be to work with Nancy Becker, the Eastern District County Commissioner to issue a joint news release in which Monsanto announces the voluntary cleanup, and she states that Monsanto has informed her of the cleanup, that she will be following our progress carefully to ensure the public is not at risk, and that she has every confidence in Monsanto. If she does not agree, we will encourage her to issue a release (which we will draft). In any case, Monsanto will issue a statement to the above press. I will serve as the spokesperson, with Craddock or Michael handling specific questions about health affects.

Government officials (Monsanto person to contact in parentheses):

Nancy Becker: We will ask notify her and suggest a joint news release. (Ingenthron)

Doug Boschert: State Representative. (Ingenthron)

Jerry Ohlms: Presiding Judge of County. (Ingenthron)

Grace Nichols: Mayor of St. Charles (Ingenthron/Iverson)

County Sheriff Uebinger: (Ingenthron/Iverson)

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Fred Dyer: State Senator. (Ingenthron)

Four St. Charles city councilmen whose districts abut the area of the farm. (Ingenthron)

Jack Buechner (Schannon)

Other people to notify:

Findett Company (Craddock/Schannon)

Environmental Control and Abatement, et. al. (Edwards)

Tenant farmers on site. (Iverson)

Timing:

Wednesday, 8/3: Final drafts of news release, site backgrounder approved. Call made to set up appointment with Becker.
Thursday, 8/4: Final draft of PCB backgrounder approved.
Thursday/Friday, 8/5: Notification calls made.
Monday, 8/8: News release issued for Tuesday

Please review the news release and the background paper carefully and get back to me ASAP. We need to nail these down today.

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