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STUDY TO BEGIN AT FORMER KRUMMRICH LANDFILL

Monsanto Company plans to study conditions at the former Krummrich landfill in Sauget and to evaluate alternatives for corrective action.

The study is the result of a consent agreement finalized in December by Monsanto, the Illinois Attorney General's office and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Public input is also sought and will be carefully considered.

The landfill does not pose any immediate health or environmental problems, but Monsanto acknowledges the state's concerns and is committed to carrying out the work safely and correctly. The study will determine what action is required to ensure the long-term protection of public health and the environment.

Facts About the Project:

- A well-qualified environmental engineering firm approved by the Illinois EPA will do the work.
- The study will take approximately a year and a half.
- The Illinois EPA will closely monitor the study and will select the corrective action it believes is appropriate.
- If Monsanto agrees, it will carry out the corrective action, with Illinois EPA oversight.
- Residents will be kept informed about the project and will have opportunities to comment. Another public meeting will be held when the study is completed.
- The 36-acre landfill was used from 1959-1977 to dispose of waste from the Krummrich plant and from other Monsanto facilities in the St. Louis area. It was closed in 1978.
- Today, the Krummrich plant no longer disposes in landfills routine process waste from its manufacturing operations. Waste elimination and minimization efforts receive highest priority. The next preferable option is to destroy or treat the waste, with land disposal the last option.

For More Information:

- More information about the project is available at the Cahokia Public Library, 140 Cahokia Park Drive.
- Monsanto has set up a special telephone line to provide information about the project and to answer questions. The number is 618/482-6580. Andi Smith, Monsanto's public information coordinator for the project, will respond to all calls.

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