

ANNOUNCEMENT

TO: MONSANTO-SPRINGFIELD EMPLOYEES:

About a year ago, we informed you of the results of a mortality study on Springfield plant employees conducted by the University of Pittsburgh, Graduate School of Public Health. Those results showed no new evidence of worker health problems at the Springfield plant.

As a second phase in the study, the University of Pittsburgh was to examine the work histories of former employees who died of digestive system and genito-urinary tract cancers. While we had expected this second phase of the study to be completed in 1980, it is only now nearing completion.

However, very preliminary results have been reported to us by Dr. Marsh of the University of Pittsburgh who indicated that no correlation of work place and incidences of cancer has been determined. Final study results should be available early in the second quarter.

In addition, you should know that we recently became aware of the death of a former Monsanto-Springfield employee who had an angiosarcoma of the liver. As you know this form of cancer has been associated with exposure to vinyl chloride. Dr. Marsh has been advised of this case and will make a special effort to determine whether there is any additional evidence in the study data relating to this type of cancer. We are currently unaware of any such cases in the study.

Final results of the second phase of the mortality study will be communicated to you as soon as received.

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