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VISTA

LCCC GROUNDWATER ASSESSMENT

Forty-five groundwater monitoring wells were sampled in May and again in August. The contractor's draft report was reviewed by Conoco and Vista. Due to numerous technical deficiencies in the draft report, it is difficult to specify the exact findings. However, it is obvious there is chlorinated hydrocarbon contamination of the groundwater at several locations under the complex. During the next phase of the study more wells will be installed to define the extent and rate of movement of the contamination in the groundwater.

The final
Phase II report
will not be
available until
mid-November

As a result of the preliminary study results the State of Louisiana has requested that samples of waterwells in the residential area adjacent to the complex be taken and analyzed for chlorinated hydrocarbons. Samples taken and analyzed to date have shown no contamination.

Conoco will continue to bear a majority of the assessment and remedial costs for this activity.

BALTIMORE GROUNDWATER

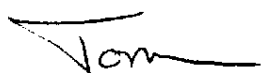
DuPont's contractor has installed ^{and plan to complete one more in the near future} ~~twelve~~ monitoring wells on Baltimore Plant property. Initial samples will be taken in the near future. As in Lake Charles, Conoco/DuPont retains the majority of the liability for this program and any remedial activity that results.

First Report to be due in January.

VINYL CHLORIDE LAWSUITS/CONSENT DECREES

Consent decrees settling EPA/DOJ lawsuits over vinyl chloride releases at OKC, Aberdeen, and LCVCN were finalized ^{and submitted to the agency on October 8} in mid-August. Information was submitted to EPA in mid-September as required by the OKC and LCVCN consent decrees detailing past release circumstances. ^{were submitted to EPA} ~~Plans on how future compliance will be achieved are due to the EPA in mid-October.~~ Negotiations with Conoco over payment for capital projects in the compliance plans are completed. Conoco will pay approximately \$500M for projects in Vista's three plants affected by the consent decrees.

No change on either NRDC lawsuit or RCRA Amendments status.


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