

Monsanto Co. Pollution Report

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Subject: Investigative Report on Monsanto Co. Pollution

As you are most likely aware, the Monsanto Co. has been accused on a regular basis of excess pollution in our beautiful town of Anniston. There have been over 3000 court cases accusing them of legal and civic wrongdoing, with two cases settling for over \$80 million dollars. Clearly, Monsanto is aware of some wrongdoing if they are willing to pay such exorbitant amounts to keep these cases out of court, and the public eye.

Monsanto Co. has been releasing PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) into the environment, which is known to cause cancer among other sicknesses. In the late 1960s, they were dumping upwards of 250 pounds of PCBs into Snow Creek a day. Even after federal regulation prohibited excess PCB production, Monsanto continued to release these toxins into the land, air, and water.

Findings

Monsanto's Interaction with Alabama Water Improvement Commission

- Met with Joe Crockett in 1970 to discuss PCB pollution.
- Sent a letter to Crockett claiming that levels had been reduced, yet according to internal documents, the output of PCBs had not been steadily declining.
- In May 1970, Crockett believed that Monsanto was being truthful and helpful.
- After discovering inconsistencies, Crockett and other members of AWIC told Monsanto to keep quiet about whatever pollution they were producing, even to them.

Conclusion

In 1993, over 23 years from the initial report from AWIC, Alabama finally issued a fish consumption advisory. As you know, Monsanto is still operating in your city, and continues to buy polluted land to stop the talks of wrongdoing. Clearly, Monsanto and the State of Alabama knew of excess and illegal pollution that has caused many health and economic problems for the city of Anniston.

Recommendations

The most important thing we can do now is to continue to gather the internal documents so as to mount a case against Monsanto. Also, this case is embarrassing to the State and AWIC, so I'm sure they will be willing to help if we can find more proof of wrongdoing. Monsanto needs to be held responsible for their actions, even if all that means is admitting to wrongdoing and spreading awareness about pollution.

Sincerely,

James Doe
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Enclosure

Very quickly because class is over: I am going to add more subheadings to sections, add more descriptive and complementary images, as well as removing some of the verbosity.