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BALTIMORE AGRICULTURAL PLANT SITUATION

1. State Task Force: maintaining low profile with little or no publicity. Allied representatives (Ferguson and Reiter) cooperating as needed. Next Task Force meeting 3/24/76.
2. Water:
 - a. State has sampled (week 3/15) shellfish and fin fish in Chesapeake north from Md.-Va. line for Kepone; no data as yet. Sediment samples taken will probably be turned over to Allied with request for analysis.
 - b. Allied sampling of Patapsco River water adjacent to plant showed 3 to 103 ppb Kepone. R&D verifying that material detected is actually Kepone. (Levels in James River were much lower 0.05-0.3 ppb.)
 - c. State sampling of River water and sediment to be done within next 10 days: Allied sampling of sediment in progress. Allied data 1970-1974 showed 0.03-6.1% arsenic and 0.3-1.85% organic chlorine as DDT.
 - d. Allied submitting report to State Water Resources Administration on Kepone blending to satisfy requirements of violation order issued by State on 3/2/76.
3. Solid Waste:
 - a. State sampling of plant dump area done on 3/18. No analytical data as yet. Samples divided between State, USEPA and Allied. Analyses: Kepone, arsenic, chlorinated hydrocarbons plus insecticide(?)
 - b. Expect approval on March 24 from State Task Force to cover plant dump with 6" clay. Although foregoing is encouraging, expect strong USEPA influence in decisions on final resolution of plant dump.
 - c. State sampled soil (0-6" depth) in Swann Park done on 3/18. Samples divided between USEPA, State and Allied. (Past Allied sampling has shown surface soil containing 60-6600 ppm arsenic and 0.2-950 ppm Kepone. On 3/23 State and Allied sampled surface soil on four ball diamonds in Park.
 - d. Division and Corporate (Environmental Services, Law and Public Relations) have recommended discing, installation of top soil and sodding or Park to permit public use. Cost estimated

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at \$100,000. Park closed since 3/3/76. If approved by Management, offer will be presented to Task Force Chairman on 3/24 prior to Task Force meeting.

4. Air:

- a. Emission registrations up-to-date: Operating permits granted for arsenic acid and Urox plants. Arsenic acid plant will finish run 3/24 or 3/25.
- b. State (at EPA urging) initiated ambient air sampling (10 days) adjacent to Plant to assess whether any current health problem exists re Kepone and arsenic. Allied cooperating with analyses.

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