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Re: Gasoline Constituents: Benzene (CASRN 71-43-2)
Methyl Tert-Butyl Ether (CASRN 1634-04-9)

We have recently received information that benzene and/or MTBE, constituents of gasoline, have been encountered in eleven drinking water wells used by residents of Wrightsboro in the area of Wilmington, North Carolina. The State of North Carolina tested the water in one drinking water well after the owner complained of the taste. Thereafter additional wells were tested.

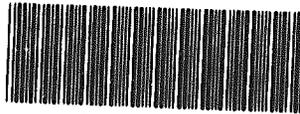
Conoco manufactures gasoline. The source of the gasoline that has impacted these wells is not known. Conoco continues to assist the North Carolina Department of Health, Environment and Natural Resources to assess the source of the contamination, and supply replacement water and/or charcoal filters to affected residents.

Conoco's efforts are undertaken because Conoco has expertise and to safeguard the public health. Conoco has no information to indicate that the impacted water wells result from its operations.

Very truly yours,

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