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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Subject: Notice in Accordance to TSCA Section 8(e) - Preliminary results of a screening study in Wistar Rats with a Developmental Herbicide.

BASF Corporation is submitting results of a repeated dose screening study in Wistar Rats with a developmental herbicide (uracile), conducted by BASF Aktiengesellschaft, Ludwigshafen, Germany. Shipments totaling approximately 45 grams active ingredient have been shipped to the U.S. since 1999.

The test substance was administered 5 male and 5 female Wistar rats at a dietary concentration of 100 ppm for 2 weeks (about 10 mg/kg body weight/day in males, 11 mg/kg body weight/day in females). Clinical signs, food consumption, body weights, hematology and spleen weights were determined.

Clear signs of anemia were seen, as evident by decreased erythrocyte counts, decreased hemoglobin and hematocrit, as well as increased absolute and relative spleen weights.

Although the findings are not considered to present a substantial risk to the health or the environment, BASF Corporation understands that the reporting of these results is in accordance with EPA's policy. Any reports or additional information that we receive will be forwarded to the Agency and Material Safety Data Sheets will be updated with this preliminary information.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (734) 324-6207.

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