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Dear Sir:

Re: TSCA 8(e) Submission Number 598

On March 14, 1988, David Williams called to inquire about a report that was heard on WTOP radio in the D.C. area concerning adverse health effects at the Du Pont Waynesboro Plant. My surmise at the time of the conversation, which has since been confirmed, was that the radio report was based on an article that appeared in the Sunday, March 13, 1988, Wilmington News Journal. This article dealt with the concerns of some employees at the Waynesboro Plant that they suffered from epididymitis as a result of exposure to dimethylformamide during their employment with Du Pont.

The employee concerns were shared with management of the Waynesboro Plant late in 1986. In response to these concerns, Du Pont's Epidemiology Section initiated a survey to determine whether epididymitis or other related testicular disorders were associated with exposure to DMF at the Waynesboro Plant.

A total of 1,342 male employees at the Waynesboro Plant participated in the survey. Analyses of the survey data showed no association between occupational exposure to DMF and the occurrence of epididymitis or other related testicular disorders, including testicular pain.

I have discussed the status of this survey and am advised by the epidemiologist working on it that a report is in preparation and should be completed approximately April 1, 1988. We will advise our employees of the findings of this study upon completion of the report and will then promptly submit a copy for this file to EPA. In addition, the

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cc: David Williams (TS-776),  
EPA

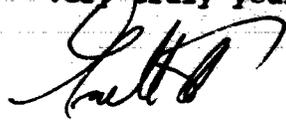
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epidemiologist plans to offer to present her findings to OSHA staff and, if EPA desires, she will be happy to invite EPA to this briefing. Please let me know if EPA would like the opportunity to attend this briefing.

Very truly yours,



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