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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTE

BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR AND THE

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

In re: 2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxyacetic)
Acid

I.F. & R. Docket Nos. 42, 44, 45 and 48

and

HEARING IT AS

I.F. & R. Docket

No. 295

DOW MOTION FOR PREHEARING CONFERENCE

Registrant The Dow Chemical Company ("Dow") hereby moves the Administrator in I.F. & R. Docket No. 295, and the Chief Administrative Law Judge in I.F. & R. Docket Nos. 42, 44, 45 and 48, pursuant to the provisions of Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, § 164.60, for Orders scheduling the prehearing conferences provided for in Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, § 164.50, as soon as possible, to consider the following matters:

- 1. Identification and alignment of parties.
- 2. The disposition of the additional issues presented in Docket No. 295, which matters are not at issue in Docket Nos. 42, 44, 45 and 48.
- Consolidation.
- 4. The disposition of the motions and applications served June 26, 1972.
- 5. Trial dates.
- 6. Preliminary consideration of prospective witnesses, memoranda and issues.

and for such other and further relief as the Administrator and the Chief Administrative Law Judge may deem just and proper.

The grounds for this motion are set forth in Paragraphs 5 through 12 of Dow's Response to the Statement of Issues in I.F. & R. Docket No. 295, served August 21, 1973, in all Dockets, and in the annexed affidavit of Milton R. Wessel, sworn to September 12, 1973.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that in accordance with the provisions of Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations, § 164.60(b) you are required to serve and file an answer to this motion within ten days after service thereof, or within such other time as may be fixed by the Administrator, his designee or the Chief Administrative Law Judge.

Dated: New York, New York September 12, 1973

Yours, etc.

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To:

All parties as per attached Certificate of Service

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BEFORE THE ADMINISTRATOR AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

In re: 2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxyacetic) I.F. & R. Docket Nos.
Acid) 42, 44, 45 and 48
and
I.F. & R. Docket
No. 295

STATE OF NEW YORK)
: ss.:
COUNTY OF NEW YORK)

AFFIDAVIT

MILTON R. WESSEL, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. I am a member of Kaye, Scholer, Fierman, Hays & Handler, Hearing Attorneys for Registrant, The Dow Chemical Company ("Dow"), and am fully familiar with all the facts and prior proceedings herein. This affidavit is submitted in support of Dow's motion for the early convening of prehearing conferences in the above Dockets.
- 2. Paragraph 12 of Dow's Response to the Statement of Issues in Docket No. 295, served August 21, 1973 in all Dockets, requests the calling of early prehearing conferences. Dow's reasons therefor are set forth in Paragraphs 5 through 11. Undoubtedly the press of other matters has precluded action on this request. Some of such other matters may indeed be more

urgent than these cases in terms of the need for prompt remedial action. Nevertheless even a few hours devoted to an early prehearing conference in these matters would be of major importance in permitting the parties to prepare for a Spring hearing.

- 3. It may be helpful if some of the practical problems of preparation are outlined. The pleadings and other documents indicate that this case involves many issues and hundreds of potential witnesses located all over the world. Many of these persons are not in the employ of any party. Travel time and expense can be minimized if potential witnesses in the same area are interviewed at the same time. Yet until the nature of the issues is known, one cannot even anticipate who all the witnesses will be. Guidance is also needed as to the scope and form of any preliminary written witness statements which might be required.
- 4. Indeed, we do not even know who all the parties are. The Environmental Defense Fund and Harrison Welford, et al., had been major anticipated adversaries, for example, but to this point they have filed neither responses to the Statement of Issues, nor motions to intervene in Docket No. 295. Preparation and hearing will clearly be completely different if they are not involved, or appear only in the earlier and previously consolidated Dockets (in which a motion to intervene was made and denied, subject to renewal), or in all of the Dockets.

- 5. A number of organizations have filed responses seeking to become parties or to submit evidence. It is desirable that there be a division of effort among parties aligned on the same side of the issues. The same potential witnesses should not be seen two, three and four times. It would be valuable simply to have the interests and roles of the other parties identified at a prehearing conference. Yet in the absence of such a conference it cannot even be known which of these applicants will ultimately be parties. And although the Hearing Clerk has been most cooperative, her facilities are not adequate to permit her to continue the present burden of making and distributing copies of documents and answering queries, on any long-term basis.
- our Response to the Statement of Issues in Docket No. 295, we believe that it is entirely possible for this case to be ready for a fair hearing by next Spring. But a great deal of work must be done before that time. Much of it cannot really begin until the procedural outlines of the case have been clarified.

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Milton R. Wessel

Sworn to before me.this

12th day of September, 1973.

Notary Public

SUSANNA K. LEVY
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No. 31-7530927
Qualified in New York Control
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GERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the attached Motion and Supporting Affidavit of Registrant The Dow Chemical Company was served today by postage prepaid mail, upon the persons whose names and addresses are listed below:

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Dated: September 12, 1973

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