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EXHIBIT 12

Community Water Systems Focus Group documents with beginning Bates numbers SYN04581999, SYN04594002, SYN04569714

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January 4, 2006

To: Sherry Ford

From: Jeff Altheide

Re: Initial Plans/Agenda for CWS Focus Group

Per our discussions, I've outlined below initial thoughts on logistics and agenda for the Community Water System (CWS) manager focus group. Let me know your thoughts, and let's get feedback from Alan and the legal team, and we can proceed with logistics, development of questions for session, etc.

Objectives:

- Determine CWS manager perceptions on MCL process in general and atrazine management in particular.
- Understand likelihood and process (who makes decision and how will they evaluate) for CWSs to stay in suit or opt out.
- Identify key issues/messages for CWSs that may be useful in future communications and possibly in legal proceedings.
- Identify messengers most credible to CWS managers (e.g. former regulators, local EPA, local farm bureau, etc.)

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Date: January 25 (Best alternate dates Jan 24th, 27th)

Syngenta team to arrive night before; CWS mgrs. all within one-hour drive and will arrive morning of focus group.

Location: Terrible's Lakeside Casino and Resort, Osceola, Iowa (tentative)

Attending: (tentative list)

CWS Managers

Ron Eggerman, Rathbun Rural Water Association
Herman Gracey, Osceola Water Works
Bill Moore, Montezuma Municipal Water Supply
Junior Jennings, Leon Water Supply
Ken Jones, Lamoni Municipal Utilities
Steve Marley, Creston Water Supply
Jim Corbie, Chariton Municipal Water Works
John Kauzlarich, Centerville Municipal Waterworks

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Syngenta Team

Alan Nadel

Dennis Tierney

Sherry Ford

Kurt Reeg, Reeg & Nowogrocki

Mark Surprenant, Adams & Reese

Jayne Thompson, Jayne Thompson Associates

Jeff Altheide, Gibbs & Soell PR (moderator)

Agenda:

9:00-9:30 (Altheide)

Question panelists to establish baseline knowledge/perceptions of atrazine in general and Holiday Shores case in particular.

9:30-10:00 (Surprenant??)

Presentation from "plaintiff attorney" on their case/position.

10:00-10:15 (Altheide)

Q&A and initial feedback from panelists on plaintiff's case.

10:15-10:30

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10:30-11:00 (Reeg??)

Presentation from "defendant attorney" on their case/position.

11:00-11:15 (Altheide)

Q&A and initial feedback from panelists on defendant's case.

11:15-12:15 (Altheide)

Question panelists on their reactions to case and overall impressions of impact on CWSs. Probe on key issues relating to the case and how CWSs will react to class status.

12:15-1:30 Lunch in separate room set up with round tables

Continue informal, small-group discussions over lunch, then panelists depart.

1:30-5:00

Syngenta team discussion/debrief until time to depart for airport.

Immediate Next Steps (after focus group session):

- Provide session transcript to legal/communications team.
- Communications team to develop/refine key messages for use with CWSs.
- Brief presenters on refined messages for use messages-initially at IL Farm Bureau water seminars Feb. 9 & 10.

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- Decide on immediate meetings/outreach (and use key messages as appropriate) for National Rural Water Association and possibly American Water Works Association.
- Incorporate key CWS messages where appropriate in broader JTA Illinois campaign.

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January 27, 2006

To: **Sherry Ford**

From: **Jeff Altheide**

Re: **Revised Discussion Questions for Iowa Focus Group**

I've revised the agenda/questions for the Iowa focus group, per input from our conference call yesterday. Note that I've added a 15 minute block before lunch to allow anyone from our group to ask questions. This should allow me to focus on keeping the discussion on track and following our basic outline without interruption, while still providing a venue for others to ask a question I may have missed, or for clarification on a particular point that was raised.

Agenda:

9:00-9:30 (Altheide) Introduction and Preliminary Discussions

- Welcome
 - Host welcomes group and explains ground rules for day
 - Need to fill out lunch menu card
 - Go over schedule and expectations
 - Assure group that everything they say will be considered confidential
- Establish Baseline
 - What are the biggest problems you face as a water system manager?
 - Are there specific operational problems?
 - Specific contaminants?
 - Do you match specific treatments with individual contaminants or do you just treat the water source as a whole?
 - Are there specific priorities that dictate water treatment protocol?
 - Specific regulatory challenges?
- Atrazine Overview
 - What is your current perception of atrazine as it relates to your CWS?
 - Is atrazine a "big" problem?
 - Do you have to use specific treatments for atrazine? If so, how often?
 - Is the atrazine problem getting "worse" or "better"? Why?

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- CWS Defaults into Class
 - Let's shift gears a little bit. Assume that a class action suit were filed by another system and you are automatically included in the suit, unless you choose to opt out.
 - Would you stay in the suit or opt out? Why?
 - What would be the implications for your CWS based on your decision to stay in or opt out?
 - Financial implications?
 - Political implications?
 - Public safety implications?
 - Public (customer) perceptions?
 - Within your specific CWS today, how would the decision whether or not to opt out be made?

- Broader Implications of Case
 - Let's assume that this case proceeds to trial and the jury rules in favor of the plaintiffs and causes the atrazine manufacturers to pay damages.
 - What do you think the implications of that decision would be for CWSs in general?
 - Do you feel the case would set a precedent? If so, what will the implications be?
 - Do you feel the case would weaken the EPA regulatory process and/or the use of MCLs? If so, what will the implications be?
 - What advice would you give Syngenta and other manufacturers for defending this case?
 - What defense will resonate with CWS managers?
 - What defense will resonate with the public?
 - What other critical audiences do you feel need to understand the implications of this case and what messages should they hear?

- Information Sources
 - What do you consider the most credible sources of information for you as you run your CWS? (start with open question then prompt with following if needed)
 - Do you use information from the U.S. EPA? Do you happen to know their current position on atrazine?
 - Do you use information from the Iowa DNR? Do you happen to know their current position on atrazine?
 - Do you use information from the American Water Works Association? Do you happen to know their current position on atrazine?
 - Do you use information from the Rural Water Association? Do you happen to know their current position on atrazine?

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- Are you influenced by information from environmental groups such as the Natural Resources Defense Council or the Environmental Working Group?
- Are you influenced by information from the popular press?

11:45-12:00 Open Discussion

- We greatly appreciate the information you all have shared with us today. Before we break for lunch are there any final questions the rest of the Syngenta group here today would like to ask?

12:00-1:00 Lunch in Separate Room Set Up with Two Round Tables

- Continue informal, small-group discussions over lunch.
- Opportunity for legal and communications teams to probe further on key issues, explore any different topics that might come up in informal discussion.

1:00-4:00

Syngenta team discussion/debrief until time to depart for airport.

Immediate Next Steps (after focus group session):

- Communications team to develop/refine key messages for use with CWSs.
- Use messages initially at Farm Bureau water seminars Feb. 9 & 10.
- Decide on immediate meetings/outreach (and use key messages as appropriate) for National Rural Water Association and possibly American Water Works Association.

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Syngenta Corporation

Corporate Communications Service Report

March 21, 2006

The following G&S Service Report lists the activity and budget status of all current projects for the Syngenta Corporation communications group. Project status or critical deadlines are noted in red.

40G.82007	Illinois Atrazine Communications (A. Nadcl)	Organized Iowa CWS focus group, booked facility, drafted pre-survey, drafted outline and questions for focus group session and reviewed with atrazine team, facilitated discussions at session on January 30 and provided follow-up report; completed input cost news release, obtained approval and distributed to Illinois newspapers and trades; participated in coalition brainstorm session in Chicago Jan. 31; supported K. Recg speaking engagement at No-Till Conference in St. Louis; researched Rural Water Association and provided recommendations for meeting with client; reviewed and updated CWS talking points; attended Illinois Farm Bureau Water Seminars in Springfield and Mt. Vernon; participated in weekly conference calls.	\$100,000	J=\$12,413.25 P=\$10,024.85	\$22,438.10	\$77,561.90

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