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# Great Lakes Binational Toxics Strategy HCB/B(a)P Workgroup Meeting

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## Hexachlorobenzene Benzo(a)pyrene

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# HCB/B(a)P Challenges

#### **Canada**

- Seek a 90% reduction in releases
- By 2000
- HCB Progress: 68% reduction in Ontario
- B(a)P Progress: 45% reduction in Ontario (from 1988 baseline)

#### **United States**

- Seek reductions in releases that are within, or have the potential to enter, the Great Lakes Basin
- By 2006
- HCB Progress: Reductions from 1990 to 1999, but inventories not comparable; 28% reduction from 1999 to 2002
- B(a)P Progress: 77% reduction in GLs states from 1996 to 2001





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## U.S. HCB TRI-Reported Emissions (lbs/yr), 1990-2004







## **TRI Success Stories**

#### Syngenta Crop Protection (St Gabriel, LA)

 96% Reduction in stack emissions from 253 lbs in 2000 to 10 lbs in 2004

#### Dow Chemical Louisiana Division (Plaquemine, LA)

- Consistent decline in fugitive air emissions from 74 lbs in 2001 to 19 lbs in 2004
- DuPont Johnsonville Plant (New Johnsonville, TN)
  - Decline in water releases from 160 lbs in 2000 to 1 lb in 2004
- Solutia Inc. Delaware Riverplant (Bridgeport, NJ)
  - Ongoing reductions in fugitive air emissions from 42 lbs in 2000 to 2.5 lbs in 2004





# **Syngenta- Saint Gabriel Facility**







## Syngenta Success Story

- Invested about \$1M to improve natural gas quality to production unit at St. Gabriel facility
- Benzene, a trace impurity in natural gas, that "makes it through" the first process is converted to HCB in subsequent processes and is emitted through dryer vent or leaves with the product
- Reduction in benzene level in the incoming raw material saw a five fold reduction in HCB production and consequent release
- Reduction is permanent; will remain in the 10- 20 lb/yr range depending on production volumes





# **DuPont Johnsonville Plant Facility**







## New Facility Reporting in 2004 – Westlake Vinyls, Inc.

- Located in Calvert City, KY
- Reported HCB for the first time in 2004
  - 700 lbs in stack emissions
- Spoke to Westlake representative; currently awaiting follow-up response





## Status Quo? Or Can We Do Better?

- PPG Industries Inc. (Westlake, LA)
  - Reported 60 lbs of fugitive air emissions every year since 2001
- Colstrip Steam Electric Station (Colstrip, MT)
  - Reported ~12 lbs of stack emissions every year since 2000
- WA Parish Electric Generating Station (Thompsons, TX)
  - Reported 11-14 lbs of stack emissions every year since 2000
- Detroit Edison Company Monroe Power Plant (Monroe, MI)
  - Reported ~13 lbs of stack emissions every year since 2000





## 2002 NEI HCB Estimates (lbs/year)

SOURCE	2002 NEI EMISSIONS	% OF TOTAL
Pesticide Application: Agricultural	603.6	29%
Open Burning - Residential Household Waste	347.5	17%
Tires and Inner Tubes	323.5	15%
Refuse Systems	291.7	14%
Industrial Organic Chemicals	192.8	9%
Pesticides and Agricultural Chemicals	105.4	5%
Electric Services	84.2	4%
Other	145.1	7%
TOTAL	2,093.8	100%



