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## CAP Newsletter celebrates its' 3rd Year

Hello! Three years ago, you probably noticed our newsletters coming on a bi-monthly period filled with a variety of information. You may have been a little curious about us, so we would like to take this time to re-introduce ourselves. We are the algroup lonza/Witco CAP (Community Advisory Panel). We all live and/or work in the area around Mapleton and are all interested in the safety, health and environmental aspects of our community. Our group consists of volunteers, and we meet six times a year to discuss key safety and environmental issues concerning algroup lonza and Witco.

The CAP was initially formed by Lonza in February 1993. The need for good communication between industry and the community was formally recognized at that time. Both companies are concerned with safety/environmental issues and the welfare of the surrounding community. Through involvement with local schools, annual community meetings, "open house" programs, planned emergency exercises and community discussion meetings, these companies have shown the community their willingness and desire to be a "good neighbor". If you ever have any questions or concerns, feel free to call any CAP member.

In our effort to continue our dialogue with the community, on the night of May 20, 1999, algroup lonza and Witco presented to local residents EPA's Risk Management Program (RMP) Regulation. The RMP rule requires that companies provide information about worst-case chemical release scenarios and alternative release scenarios for our facilities. (see related article on page 2)

### LONZA/wi CAP

#### Community Advisory Panel

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## WATCH FOR

- ⇒ Next CAP Meeting Date:  
August 3, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. (Witco)
- ⇒ Next CAP Issue: Sept./Oct. 1999
- ⇒ Planned Emergency Exercise in October

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## Chemical Risk Management Update

algroup lonza and Witco continued our ongoing efforts to provide community dialogue as we met for an RMP (Risk Management Program) discussion at Butler Haynes Park Pavilion on the evening of May 20th. We appreciated the opportunity to provide specific chemical information to citizens and interested persons. During the meeting algroup lonza and Witco provided chemical scenarios known as “worst case” and “alternate case”. In addition, we discussed the many layers of protection utilized by both companies to prevent chemical accidents as well as to respond to chemical releases with emergency response teams. The RMP discussion was covered in the May 21, 1999 *Peoria Journal Star* by Elaine Hopkins, reporter, who had attended the meeting.

We will continue to provide the community with RMP updates through the newsletter and regular mail. Should anyone have questions regarding RMP, please contact the facilities through the numbers provided in this newsletter.



## Emergency Response Training

The algroup lonza emergency team (LERT) held its 7th annual emergency response training the week of June 7th. The course “Fire Tactics and Strategy 2” was conducted by Mr. Kevin Cone, instructor at I.C.C. and Captain of the Pekin Fire Department. 15 lonza emergency response technicians & 2 Witco emergency response employees participated in the 40 hour training course.

Classroom sessions were conducted on Monday and Tuesday, including significant time for development of pre-planning files for 8 key lonza chemicals. These pre-planning files assist in reducing response time, as important chemical information is contained in one specific file.

On Wednesday, the team traveled to the Peoria Fire Academy for interior fire fighting exercises and self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) refresher training.

Thursday included additional pre-planning of chemical incidents and exercises on drum-type spills, tankcar/truck leaks and confined space entry rescue.

On Friday, the team conducted a plant-wide drill simulating a Benzyl Chloride hose rupture during tank truck loading. The drill required a plant evacuation.

The training provided additional understanding of emergency response and simulation of chemical incidents to all the trainees and was conducted in conjunction with lonza’s efforts to maintain a capable and qualified emergency response team. Our thanks to all participants for their dedication and effort.

## Witco Corporation will sell Oleochemicals and Derivatives Business to the Groups of Goldschmidt and SKW

On June 23, 1999 an announcement was made of an agreement to complete the sale of Witco’s Oleochemicals and Derivatives business to the Groups of Goldschmidt and SKW. Following appropriate employee consultation, regulatory approval and approval by the companies’ respective boards, the transaction is expected to be closed by August 31, 1999.

The transaction will comprise the acquisition of Surfactants GmbH, which owns the Steinau, Germany facility as well as Witco’s Flimby facility in the United Kingdom, its Granollers facility in Spain, and in the United States, its ODG facilities in Janesville, Wisconsin and Mapleton, Illinois. Witco will maintain ownership of its metal organics plant located adjacent to the Mapleton, Illinois ODG facility.

SKW and Goldschmidt will form the new VIAG Chemicals Group with annual sales of over \$3.5 billion. The group is a leading supplier of specialty chemicals focusing on construction chemicals, nature products and specialty chemicals for consumer and industrial applications.

