

# **CONVERDYN**News Wire – January 2005

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### **Lawsuit Filed in Illinois**

ConverDyn would like to advise its customers on a lawsuit filed against the Metropolis Works Conversion Facility (MTW) on December 30, 2004, by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The complaint charges Honeywell International with air pollution for the September and December 2003 incidents that occurred at MTW. The complaint charges that “Honeywell subjected its workers and its neighbors not once, but twice, to dangerous levels of hazardous materials” and that the state is “working to ensure that corrective measures have been taken to minimize the possibility that these alleged employee mistakes will occur again”. The suit seeks a civil penalty of \$50,000 per violation and an additional \$10,000 for each day the violation continues.

Honeywell has issued the following statement regarding the lawsuit:

“Honeywell can confirm that it has been in discussions with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency in relation to these matters. Honeywell takes very seriously its environmental, health and safety responsibilities, and we have a strong commitment to public safety and responsible corporate citizenship. Honeywell responded promptly to the incidents in 2003 by implementing a number of corrective actions in consultation with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. These actions included upgrading operator training and qualification processes, as well as improving operational procedures and adherence. We have also taken specific steps to improve cooperation and communication with the surrounding community and local emergency responders. We continue to seek new ways to improve our operations and reduce the risks of incidents and we are committed to fulfilling our goal of operational excellence.”

ConverDyn will continue to monitor this situation and keep its customers apprised of steps towards resolution.

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