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MONSANTO REALIZES PCB POSES A DANGER TO ENVIRONMENT

NEWSCASTER: Another element of doubt to add to the growing list of things that man has employed in his environment that's of danger to him: It's an element manufactured by Monsanto Chemical of St. Louis. It's called PCB.

Monsanto says it's been manufactured and used in controlled environment situations for about 40 years.

It's been only recently that Monsanto realized that it posed a danger. PCB has been used in some pesticides, and Manhattan Congressman William Ryan has called for a halt of such use. Heretofore Monsanto said the element was used in controlled areas such as in insulating material in electrical transformers.

But about 10 years ago Monsanto officials sought wider use of the substance and they issued a catalog suggesting its use in pesticides and other consumer products.

Now PCB has turned up in the flesh of fish and birds.

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