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Monsanto Phasing Out PCBs

ST. LOUIS — Monsanto Co., the nation's leading supplier of polychlorinated biphenyl, used as an electric insulator, says it will stop production of the chemical by Oct. 31, 1977, because of possible hazardous effects on humans. Monsanto says the phasing out of production over the next year will give time for manufacturers to find substitute materials for PCB. Substitutes developed by the electrical industry are being tested, although they may not prove as effective in resisting fire as PCB.

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