

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Larry Marion, Washington Bureau of Business Week Magazine at 11 a.m. today, he reported that there will only be one short reference to Monsanto in the article on PCBs because of space and time limitations which resulted from the 11th hour interview, last Tuesday -- the publication's deadline.

Based on the last draft of the article Marion has seen, it will say only the following:

"Meanwhile in an unpublished study, Monsanto Company, the sole U.S. producer of the chemical, reports an abnormally high number of its deceased workers have died of lung cancer."

Note: It is believed that this sentence will immediately follow a paragraph devoted to the Mobil Oil report which suggests the first link between PCBs and cancer in humans.

Marion added that he had filed a report covering the entire interview with Dr. Reush and Mr. Harbison with his editors in New York and that "some copy editor may well add more information but he doesn't know that this will happen. The magazine will be on the street tomorrow, September 3. He also confirmed that Chemical Week (a sister publication) is doing a similar story for publication next Tuesday and has all the information derived from the Monsanto interview. (including the seven lung cancers versus an expected 2.7).

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Talked with Myer Lurie, Managing Editor, Chemical Week Magazine, and Joe Dunphy, Chemical Week reporter at 2 p.m. today. The following is a verbatim transcript of the Monsanto references that will be included in an article of PCBs that will appear in the September 8 issue (on the street on Sept. 7):

INVESTIGATIONS INTO POSSIBLE OR ACTUAL
CONTAMINATION FROM PCBs CONTINUES ON
SEVERAL FRONTS.

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"Monsanto says/company has undertaken an in-house health study of workers exposed to PCBs. Monsanto epidemiologist report preliminary evidence of seven cases of lung cancer among 50 cases of deceased workers uncovered by a study of about 300 workers exposed to PCBs. In constrast, a nationwide sample indicates that 2 (I corrected this to 2.7) deaths out of 50 are normally caused by lung cancer. But the company cautioned that the evidence is preliminary and further research is underway to determine whether the lung cancer was related to non-workplace exposure's such as tobacco.

(Then a wrapup of the Mobil findings is described).

"Monsanto's William G. Krummrich plant at Sauget, Ill., is the sole U.S. PCB manufacturing facility. Estimated '76 production is 24 million pounds, well below previous annual average of about 40 million pounds."