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Bloomington, IN -- Top officials of the City of Bloomington and Westinghouse Electric Corporation announced today that they have reached conceptual agreement to destroy polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) contaminated soils and other PCB materials using proven destruction techniques in a cooperative arrangement. The agreement would resolve the City's federal court lawsuit against Westinghouse.

The conceptual agreement, which still must be worked out in detail, calls for Westinghouse to construct a high-temperature incinerator which will be used to destroy PCB-contaminated materials.

The preliminary agreement came after months of discussions between the parties. The preliminary agreement contemplates, among other things, that:

- Westinghouse will remove and incinerate designated PCB-contaminated soils and materials from area landfills now in litigation and the Winston-Thomas Sewage Treatment plant;

- The City will provide an acceptable site for the construction and operation of the incinerator;

- The incinerator will be fully licensed and permitted by the appropriate local, state and federal authorities and both parties will cooperate in obtaining the necessary permits;

- A major fuel source for the incinerator will be garbage, refuse and solid waste -- which has a high energy value. In effect, the joint Bloomington/Westinghouse effort will use one environmental concern -- municipal garbage -- to destroy another environmental concern -- PCBs.

- Once the PCB-contaminated materials are destroyed, the incinerator will be available for possible long-term use as a highly efficient means of refuse disposal for the City of Bloomington.

- The incinerator will be designed, located, constructed and operated to generate both steam and electricity which can be used by both Bloomington and local industries.

Bloomington Mayor Tomi Allison and Robert Pugliese, Vice President and General Counsel for Westinghouse, stressed that the parties' agreement has not been formalized and that several important matters, including state and EPA approvals of various aspects of the program must still be negotiated. Indiana Attorney General Lindley Pearson and the federal Environmental Protection Agency have been advised of the discussions and what is hoped to be achieved is a cooperative effort between Westinghouse, the City of Bloomington, the State of Indiana and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Speaking for the City, Mayor Allison, City Council President Kathy Dilcher and Utilities Service Board President Gary Kent voiced strong enthusiasm for the conceptual agreement. "We believe that the construction of an incinerator by Westinghouse on City property, to be fueled in part by refuse, represents a dramatic example of how environmental problems can be solved through close cooperation between government and industry. This prospective partnership to destroy PCBs was accomplished at the initiative and with the leadership of Westinghouse. The City is now anxious to work with the Company to bring it about," Mayor Allison said.

Mayor Allison said representatives of the City and Westinghouse will continue to work on the technical and legal details of the conceptual agreement with the hope of finalizing the settlement before the end of this year.

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