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EPA BANS PCB SALE

The Environmental Protection Agency has ordered a nationwide ban on the sale of PCBs (polychlorinated byphenyls), beginning January 1, 1979.

PCB, widely used since the 1930's as a coolant and ingredient in paints, inks, plastics, lubricants and preservatives accumulates in human tissue and is suspected of causing cancer, birth defects and nerve disorders. It is the first non-pesticide to be placed under a general EPA ban, and the nation's only producer, Monsanto Corporation, has voluntarily agreed to phase out its production. ("Your Doctor Reports", OSMA, Sept., 1977) //