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PCB will be discontinued

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — The Monsanto Co. says by Oct. 31, 1977, it will stop production of polychlorinated biphenyl, a chemical used as an electric insulator, because of possible hazardous effects on humans.

The company said Tuesday the phasing out of production during the next year will give time for manufacturers to find substitute materials for PCB.

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Only PCB Manufacturer Says It Is Withdrawing

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Monsanto said they would be unable to Industrial Chemicals Co., the convert to other materials any only U.S. manufacturer of the earlier.
controversial PCB insulating PCB (polychlorinated biphfluids, announced Monday that enyl) is a stable, fire-resistant it will quit producing the fluids chemical that is used widely in by late next year. transformers and capacitors.

Earle H. Harbison Jr., general manager of Monsanto's specialty chemicals division, said the firm will complete distribution of all inventories and withdraw completely from the market no later than Oct. 31, 1977.

The target date would be even sooner, Harbison said, but electrical transformer and capacitor manufacturers have said they would be unable to convert to other materials any earlier.

"Unfortunately," Harbison said, "the very properties that have made PCBs ideal and even mandatory for these essential uses, were also found in the early 1970s to be the properties causing them to persist and accumulate in the environment."

PCB has been blamed as a major source of pollution in New York's Hudson River.

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Monsanto To Halt PCB Production

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Monsanto Industrial Chemicals Co. will halt production of PCB insulating fluids next year because of the public's fear of adverse effects from the chemical.

Monsanto will withdraw completely from the market no later than Oct. 31, 1977, said Earle Harbison, Jr., general manager of the firm's specialty chemicals division.

Harbison said the target date would have been sooner, but electrical transformer and capacitor manufacturers have said they would be unable to convert to other materials any earlier.

Monsanto is the only manufacturer of PCB (polychlorinated biphenyl), a stable, fire-resistant chemical.

The Environmental Protection Agency has found that PCBs build up in the environment and are thought to cause reproductive failures, gastric disorders and skin lesions in mammals.

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