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Monsanto Denies Negligence in Pollution

ANDERSON (AP) — The Monsanto Co., Inc., has denied it was negligent in the discharge of pollutants into Lake Hartwell. A suit against Monsanto was filed by property owners on Lake Hartwell, after health officials in South Carolina and Georgia warned against eating fish taken from the lake. The officials said the fish were contaminated by PCBs, (polychlorinated biphenyls). The suit alleges the company, based in St. Louis, is "strictly liable for the distribution for use of this ultrahazardous product . . . and for the damages which they know, or should have known, would occur." A co-defendant in the suit is the Sangamo Electric Co. of Pickens, which uses PCBs made by Monsanto in its manufacturing process.

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