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EPA Welcomes Monsanto Decision

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Environmental Protection Agency said it welcomes the decision by Monsanto Co. to case production of PCBs.

"Environmental contamination will continue to be a problem due to the millions of PCBs already in landfills, soils, river and lake sediments, in our air and water and in wildlife and human tissue," EPA Administrator Russell E. Train said.

Monsanto said it would stop production of PCBs at the end of October 1977, and allow existing inventories to be sold.

Mr. Train said EPA has been working with Monsanto "to encourage the development of safe and environmentally acceptable alternatives."