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Monsanto to quit making P-C-B

Monsanto Co. will phase out production of chemical polychlorinated biphenyls (P-C-B) at its William G. Krummrich plant in Sauget, the only place in the United States where P-C-B is manufactured.

The phaseout is a result of the Environmental Protection Agency's terming the product a "significant health hazard.

A spokesman for the company said only 19 of the approximately 1,200 employes at the plant are engaged in producing P-C-B and they probably will be absorbed into other operations rather than laid off.

F. J. Fitzgerald, managing director of Monsanto Industrial Chemicals Co., said it is too early for an exact timetable for the phaseout, but he said it will take place in "a planned and orderly manner."

P-C-B is used almost entirely as an insulating fluid in electrical equipment such as high power transformers and capacitors. Other fluids, such as mineral oil, can be used but can be a fire hazard, a company spokesman said.

Although mineral oil is used in electrical equipment in rural and other open-space areas, a safer substitute is desired for transformers such as those on hospitals and high-rise buildings, a spokesman said. Monsanto has proposed another of its products to the electrical industry and is awaiting its acceptance.

The EPA said experiments have shown P-C-B can cause reproductive failures, gastric disorders and skin lesions on mammals and should be effectively controlled.

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does not take the bag out each week. About every three weeks or when it is badly soiled remove the tape and he knows he is to take the bag along with its contents.—Lil.

Dear Polly:

I was looking for a large planter that was not too expensive. I finally gave up until I ran across a log holder that looked like a tub. It works perfectly. An umbrella stand could also be used as a plant holder. I have also spray painted a small washtub black, put some gold trim on it and that worked well, too. Legs can be added if you desire, and you

child to stand in. Draw a car on the box with headlights on the front, doors on the sides and tail lights, etc. on the back. Such boxes can be made to look like police cars, fire engines, taxis, buses or anything you like. Children pretend they are drivers and have lots of fun with them.—Maryann.

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BTHS-E students win awards

Fourteen Belleville Township High School East office occupations students won awards recently at an annual contest at Collinsville Area focational School.

The winners and their employers where they work during the afternoon, after morning classes, are Denise Dormeier, New York Life Insurance agent

the school; Sandy Boyd, Artcraft Studio; Diane Gallant, optometrist William Kemp; Julie Feld, Belleville Public Library; Donna Jacobs, Fairview Heights Credit Bureau.

Lynn McIntosh, Sheer Beauty Supply; Diana Underwood, State Farm Insurance agent Wes Ruffner; Pam Keck, Robert "Chick" Fritz Distributor; Pam Gribler, Tragesser & As-

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