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| 6:00 p.m. | Residents from a small Illinois town of Wilsonville staged a demonstration today in front of St. Louis' downtown convention center. They are protesting against Monsanto which has a booth at the convention center. Now Monsanto is the country's sole producer of PCBs, a chemical linked to cancer and the hazardous wastes from that product is being dumped in Wilsonville.<br><br>WILSONVILLE RESIDENT:<br>"The government has millions of acres of waste-land and the government can assign some of those wastelands to store hazardous material from all parts of the country, away from people, away from civilization, away from transportation. And I think that we should make that appeal to the federal government."<br><br>HUNTER:<br>Now Newsroom spoke to Monsanto and found out the company plans to stop making PCBs by the end of this month, 3 months ahead of schedule, says Monsanto. The Wilsonville residents we spoke to apparently aren't aware of that planned shutdown. In any case, Monsanto says, most of the PCBs wasted---is---that waste is destroyed in incinerators and it was Illinois Environmental officials, not Monsanto who okayed Wilsonville as a hazardous waste dump site.<br><br>MONS 015200 |

The above transcript has been edited for readability eliminating verbal hesitations. Unintelligible phrases are enclosed in parentheses. Proper names are spelled phonetically.