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Monsanto
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sirs;

I have just finished reading an article in the LaCrosse Tribune concerning Lake Pepin and its current problem concerning a high rate of pollution due to P C B's-polychlorinated biphenyls. This article mentioned that your company is " the only domestic manufacturer of the chemical" and that "Monsanto has been unwilling to give out information as to whom it sells the product to, thus making the hunt for the source of the pollutant all the more difficult." I can certainly understand the ethics behind keeping the names of your business associates out of the news. However, there must be some way in which your company can help with this problem.

Lake Pepin is a beautiful, scenic lake which helps filter the water of the Mississippi River and provides commercial and recreational activities for the people of the immediate area as well as those who choose the area for vacation purposes. Since the P C B level is now at a danger point, commercial fishing in the area has suffered greatly thus affecting the economic balance already threatened by the present economics at the national level. Certainly a company, reaping the profits you do, could restrict the sale of P C B or do the research necessary to provide a less dangerous substitute for P C B.

Won't you please take time to look into this problem? I'm sure that the people of the Lake Pepin area as well as the people of the nearby river towns would appreciate your concern.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
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Mrs. Ione Timm