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Firm Denies Negligence

ANDERSON, S.C. — The Monsanto Co. of St. Louis, in a reply to a suit filed against it by Lake Hartwell property owners, denies it was negligent in manufacturing a chemical called polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).

The property owners filed suit after health officials in South Carolina and Georgia warned against eating fish taken from the lake into which wastes containing the chemicals had been dumped. The officials said the fish were contaminated by PCBs, which are used in the production of electrical capacitors.

Monsanto, in court briefs, denies any wrongdoing and says the plaintiffs didn't suffer any irreparable damage from the chemicals.

A co-defendent in the suit is the Sangamo Electric Co. of Pickens, which uses the chemicals made by Monsanto in its manufacturing process and discharges wastes from its plant into Lake Hartwell.

Sangamo also has denied any liability.