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CONGRESSMAN ASKS REPORT ON CHEMICAL MADE BY MONSANTO

NEWSCASTER: Congressman William F. Ryan today demanded immediate Federal action against a household and industrial chemical that he said could bring about a major ecological disaster.

Ryan said the chemical, manufactured by the Monsanto Company, has been found by scientists in human beings, food, animals and plant life and can cause severe illness and even death.

The Manhattan Democrat identified the chemical as polychlorinated biphenols, PCBF, which is chemically similar to DDT. It is manufactured under the trade name Aurochlor(?).

To the chemical industry, Ryan said, PSBF are (SIC ) a miracle in thousands of products from hydroylic fluids to plastic wrappings to insecticides to printing inks.

To scientists in several countries who have been carrying on independent research, PCBF are a menace that must be watched before they claim human and animal lives.

"I am calling on the Nixon Administration to mobilize all available resources to detail the extent of the threat and steps that can be taken to eliminate it." Ryan said the chemicals can cause serious skin irritation upon contact, and if inhaled the result is even more dramatic and frightening.

Among the symptoms are nausea, rapid breathing, loss of weight and a lowered red-cell blood count. More serious results have been deterioriation of the kidneys, jaundice and atrophy of the liver.

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