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Monsanto to phase out PCBs

ST. LOUIS — Monsanto Co. has announced it intends to phase out the production of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), a group of chemicals that have been termed a significant health hazard by the Environmental Protection Agency. PCBs, fire-resistant chemicals used mainly as insulating fluids in electrical equipment such as high-power transformers, have been shown to cause reproductive failures, gastric disorders and akin lesions in mammals.

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