EFFECT OF PCB'S ON KEY USA ISSUES

KEY ISSUES *	PCB EFFECT
ENERGY CRISIS	Essential use. Used in transformers and capacitors to make most efficient use of power and aids in power transmittal. Most efficient use of space. Fire resistant feature provides safety from fires and explosions from arc formed gases.
URBAN TRANSPORTATION PROBLEMS	Essential use. Transformers and capacitors used in subways, railroad cars and engines, streetcars, buses, etc.
PUBLIC SAFETY	Essential use. Protects lives of people engaged in metalworking, (diecasting, steel & aluminum molten metal handling), coal mining, (fire resistant hydraulic fluids), gas and oil processing (turbine lubricants, heat transfer fluids for offshore oil (gas processing platforms), electrical transmission (capacitors, transformers), non-pressurized, fire retardant heat transfer systems for chemical processing in heating of hospitals, etc. Precautions must be taken to prevent entry of the 4-5-&6 chlorine containing PCB's into ecological system and the food chain.
INCREASING CRIME RATE	Helpful. Statistics prove crime rates higher in dark, unlighted areas. Lighting using PCB capacitors and transformers as part of the power system is helpful in lowering crime rate. Also air conditioning and temperate climate helpful in keeping crime rate low versus hot, humid climates. Using PCB's in air conditioning capacitors helpful in this area.

* Not necessarily in order of priority.

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THE LACKLUSTER ECONOMY	
- U.S. exports (balance of trade)	Very beneficial to U.S. balance of trade via U.S. exports of PCB's.
- Unemployment	Helpful to unemployment by keeping PCB's in production.
- Inflation (productivity, labor costs, wages, prices);	
- Dollar Crisis (devaluation)	
- Lack of incentive to invest due to uncertain business/economic situation	Proven record of constructive price policy on PCB's.
CREDABILITY GAPS between the people and the U.S. Government - the pepple and industry - the industry and Government	PCB's effect only a small portion of this subject--but the people expect the U.S. Government to take a balanced, value to society view of many of the so-called pollution issues versus the other key issues in the U.S.A.
Lack of Patriotism/ Commitment to common U.S. objectives/goals	
POLLUTION & WASTE RECYCLING	Certain PCB's (4-5-6 Cl membered) are claimed to be harmful to ecology. Monsanto has voluntarily instituted a program eliminating production of those PCB's that are not contained in a closed system or which cannot be recycled and controlled in their escape to the environment. New more biodegradable, more ecologically acceptable products have been introduced. An incinerator has been constructed and is in operation to destroy returned PCB's.
- Air, water, noise, thermal, waste pollution	

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KEY ISSUES	PCB EFFECT
MILITARY ISSUES - Vietnam - Arms spending (missile lag, etc.) - SALT talks and agreement.	..... None in particular
WELFARE PROGRAMS	..... None in particular
DRUGS	.... None in particular

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