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1200 POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS ARE BEING PHASED OUT OF PRODUCTION by Monsanto, the sole U.S. producer. Production of the chemicals is being limited to 40 million pounds per year for closed systems such as transformers and capacitors until satisfactory substitutes are found. The company action is voluntary but follows proposed Environmental Protection Agency action that would limit the substance to 1 part per million in waterways. Current limits on fish consumed are 5 ppm in the United States but recent testing has detected levels far exceeding federal limits in water and sediment.

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problems recently told the 11th Annual Con
Resources Association. Because they are d
to evaporation, an important consideration
Where erosion is excessive, the pits serve
they gradually get filled, the adjacent cast overburden--if left loose
and uncompacted--will store water to the extent of its void capacity."

In the future, the same potential for water storage is possible when
oil is extracted from shale. Future developers of oil from shale, Corbett
believes, mistakenly favor underground mining in areas where shale can be
surface mined. "As I see it, the only advantage of underground mining of
shale over surface mining is to appease the environmental extremists."