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Officials at the Monsanto Chemicals Plant at Newport the only place in Britain making the chemicals PCB's, today denied that they were in any way responsible for the leakage of chemicals into the sea that are being blamed for the massive poisoning of sea birds and fish around Britain's coast line.

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The chemicals are known as PCB short for Poly-chlorinated Biphenyls. The only manufacturers of this in this country are Monsanto Chemical Company who have a large plant on the coast of Newport. The PCB's made there are supplied to a wide variety of industries all over the country, including firms making plastics and paints. How the chemical got into the bodies of the birds is a mystery. The Monsanto Company say the PCBs certainly weren't discharged into the sea by them. So far there's been no clue at all as to how the substance got anywhere near the Irish Sea. Monsanto says it's far from certain that it was in fact PCB that killed the birds. The company's scientists in America fed heavy quantities of the chemical to rats in a 90 day experiment. At the end of it the rats were as healthy as ever. Monsanto claim that cases of PCB as having toxic effects are very rare. And the company say they take the greatest care in the manufacture, storage and shipping of the chemicals.

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