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## BROADCAST EXCERPT

**BOB WINDSOR:** The only US maker of polychlorinated biphenyls will phase out that chemical by the end of next year because of possible harmful effects on the environment. Monsanto Industrial Chemicals Company makes so-called PCBs as an electrical insulator because it's fire-resistant. But in St. Louis Monsanto's general manager, Earl Harbison, tells ABC News:

**EARL HARBISON:** Research done in the late sixties and early seventies showed that PCBs did not degrade in the environment but accumulated, and we were unaware of that up until that period of time. When we learned that we ceased the production of PCBs for all uses other than the electrical industry, namely, as insulating fluid for capacitors and transformers. And we've stayed in that business simply because there were no substitute fluids that had the unique characteristics of PCBs.

**WINDSOR:** And Harbison says the phase-out of PCB production at Monsanto will have almost no financial impact on the company.

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