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Q: We are doing a wrap-up story based on the FDA press conference of last week and have a few technical questions to ask. How persistent is PCB? Is it completely nonbiodegradable?

A: Not all forms of PCB are persistent. Only those with higher chlorine conten Since it is a chlorinated hydrocarbon similar to DDT, one would have to assume that those persistent forms of PCB are also similar to DDT.

Q: Is it possible for PCB to appear naturally in the environment or to be produced, unknowingly, by some other manufacturing process as a by-product?

A: It is unlikely that it appears naturally in the environment. It is also unlikely that it is produced as a by-product from another process.

Q: Is Monsanto the sole U.S. producer? Are you selling now only to electrical and heat-transfer uses?

A: Yes.

Q: Have Monsanto and the FDA had any meetings regarding the PCB environmental issue?

A: Yes.

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