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Q. Is Monsanto aware of this problem?

A. Yes, we are aware of this and other studies.

Q. Who else manufactures polychlorinated biphenyls?

A. There are several other producers around the world -- in Germany, Japan, France and Italy. Monsanto is the only U.S. producer.

Q. How are your Aroclors used?

A. Primarily in two areas -- 1) as dielectric fluids, heat-transfer fluids and hydraulic fluids and 2) as a modifier for corrosion-resistant paints and industrial adhesives and as an extender in elastomers and waxes.

Q. Is Monsanto doing any work on this matter?

A. We are investigating the reports and conducting our own studies. We find it difficult to see how detectable quantities of commercial product can appear in the marine environment. One possible answer is that the substance under question occurs from metabolism of natural materials or other unidentified substances. This is one of the points we are investigating. However, our work is not far enough along for firm conclusions.

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