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HUNTER:
Monsanto Corporation here in St. Louis has decided to voluntarily end production of the controversial chemicals called PCBs, chemicals which have been found to be a danger to the environment. Newsroom's Steve Trenkman has a report, Steve.

TRENKMAN:
Julius, Monsanto is the principal supplier of the polychlorinated bi phenols to the electrical industry. PCBs are used widely in that industry as an insulating fluid and they're made at Monsanto's Krummrich Plant in Sauget, Illiinois, just across the river, and in a plant at Newport, England. Monsanto spokesman Earl (Harveson) emphasizes the decision to stop making the PCBs is voluntary with the phaseout finished by October of next year. (Harveson) says it takes that long because of problems faced by users who must find an alternative.

HARVESON:
"What we have said to industry is, we will manufacture this product through the end of October next year. We will manufacture it to meet your demands. By the end of that time you will have suitable replacement products. And we will shut down our complete facility. We will carry no inventory beyond October, 1977. We will make no more. We will distribute no more. We will take our plant down, decontaminate it, literally grind it up. And that will be the end of our production. They are not a biodegradeable substance. The very character of the PCB that gives us---that it gives it its fine diaelectric properties and its fire resistance also gives it that capability of staying in the environment. And that's the problem with it. And it's very hard to get one without the other."

TRENKMAN:
The alternative to PCBs as insulating fluids in the electrical industry are chemicals called (thalomate)

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6:00 p.m. Continued	(esters). Those chemicals are biodegradeable. They apparently won't be an environmental problem. They're made by just about every major chemical company except Monsanto, Julius. HUNTER: (Thalomate esters)?

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