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Class-Action PCB Suit

OAKLAND (AP) — A class-action lawsuit has been filed on behalf of 300 former General Electric Co. workers, charging they were negligently exposed to toxic polychlorinated biphenyls.

The suit, filed on Wednesday in Alameda Superior Court, names GE, the Monsanto Corp., which manufactures PCBs, and up to 200 unnamed individuals and companies involved in distributing the toxic substance.

The action, which asks an unspecified amount of damages, comes more than a year after the state ordered GE to clean up the 24-acre GE plant site in Oakland where PCBs were detected at depths of 46 feet. The company stopped manufacturing and repairing electrical transformers containing PCBs at the site in 1975.

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