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Monsanto will phase out manufacturing PCB chemicals

ST. LOUIS (UPI) — Monsanto Co. announced today it plans to phase out the manufacture of a group of chemicals known as PCBs, which environmentalists contend are threatening human health and the nation's rivers and lakes.

F.J. [redacted], a corporate vice president, said he could not give an exact timetable for the phase-out but it would be in a planned and orderly manner.

"As soon as we are satisfied that the electrical power industry's needs for use of acceptable alternate dielectric fluids have been met, by whomever, Monsanto will voluntarily shut down its PCB manufacturing unit," Fitzgerald said.

Monsanto is the sole maker of PCB, or polychlorinated biphenyl, which is used primarily as a nonconductor of direct electrical current. The chemical has been a necessary ingredient in most power-generating equipment.

PCBs have been used in manufacturing processes since 1930, but their presence as toxic substances in the environment was not detected until 1966 because they were confused with DDT, with which they have a similar chemical structure.

At a conference on PCBs last November in Chicago, Assistant Secretary of the Interior Nathaniel P. Reed recommended the federal government impose a nearly total ban on the chemicals.

Reed said he was "deeply shocked by the pervasiveness of PCBs; they are literally everywhere." He said exceedingly high levels of PCBs were found in fish from all [redacted] of the country, indicating [redacted]on's rivers and lakes were "in mortal danger."

PCBs have caused liver cancer and [redacted] effective failures in laboratory animals and some workers handling the chemicals have complained of allergic reactions, according to federal officials.

Environmental groups had petitioned the government to lower the permissible levels of PCBs in food on grounds the chemicals are a cancer hazard.

Monsanto said it has informed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and its capacitor and transformer industry customer of its decision to eventually phase out the chemicals.

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Helgeson replaced Ollerman midway in the third quarter.

Pinkstaff said he is looking for the right combination to go along with Thetard at the other forward, Connor at center and Tracy Dorhelm and Santa Cruz at the guards.

"What it boils down to is learning to play with a new player on the court. We miss Dan's (Horswill) effectiveness on defense."

Morris committed 16 turnovers to 12 for Sycamore.

In LSC games Friday Oswego coach Wayne Greenbeck. We just couldn't shoot. That's all there is to it," he added.

The Indians could connect on only 24 of 72 shots against Plainfield.

Minooka's Dave Bretsch was high scorer in the game with 12 points while teammate Rick Crismon was next in line with nine points.

Plainfield's Larry Stephenson paced the Wildcats with 21 points and Todd Lebeque poured in 17 while Don Theobald rounded out the scoring with 16 points.

"I think the fact that we didn't have Dan Mason for these two games hurt us. He's been out with the flu and I didn't want to play him. Galloway (Joe) also twisted his ankle on Friday which took ... a lot of our height against ...

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