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SUBJECT: PCBs

REPORTER & MEDIA: Steve Levine, Chemical Week

TIME & DATE: August 14, 1979, 4:00 p.m.

QUESTION & RESPONSE:

Q. Are PCBs still manufactured in the United States? Can they be imported from other areas?

A. No, Monsanto was the only domestic manufacturer, and we exited the business in 1977. PCBs cannot be imported into the U.S.

Q. Are PCBs still manufactured overseas?

A. I believe so, but not by us.

Q. When was the peak of the PCB business?

A. Probably in the late 1960s, as their use became restricted in the early 1970s.

Q. What does Monsanto think of the problems Amtrak has been having with PCBs? Do you think it's taking the right steps?

A. We're not familiar with the problems you mention.

Q. Does Monsanto offer assistance to companies concerning PCBs, such as advice on disposal and replacements?

A. We have worked with many companies, such as public utilities and others, in offering them advice and technical expertise.

(Reporter indicated the major thrust of his story was Amtrak, and it didn't appear that the story would be favorable toward the rail system.)

SOURCE OF ANSWER J. C. Weber
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