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Q: I am doing a story on PCB for Science News and have spoken with Dr. Risebroug in California. He says you have refused to make available production and sales figures relative to PCB. Is this correct?

A: Not exactly. We have volunteered to make these figures available to the appropriate governmental agencies, which we feel is the proper approach.

Q: Have you also refused to list all of the uses of PCB?

A: We have not assembled a list of all the uses by our customers nor released such a list because we do not have permission from these customers to release this kind of information. You should know, however, that as of Aug. 30, we have discontinued sales of PCB-containing products into open systems.

Q: Don't you feel that this subject is of such great importance that these figures and lists should be public knowledge?

A: The PCB story is not all one-sided. Monsanto Company has recognized its responsibilities as the sole U.S. manufacturer of PCB and began 2 years ago t solve the problem.

Q: Are you conducting toxicity studies?

A: We have engaged an independent laboratory to conduct toxicity studies. I understand the first 12 months of the two-year study have been completed.

Q: Could you supply me with the test results when they are available?

A: It may be some time, but I will let you know.

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