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Alabama Files Lawsuit Against Monsanto, GE

Alabama's attorney general has intervened in a class action suit involving General Electric and Monsanto Company in order to seek $100 million in damages from the chemical company arising from charges of polluting waterways with polychlorinated biphenyls. Monsanto made known the fact of the state's intervention in a filing this month with the Securities & Exchange Commission.

The class action suit filed late last year by twenty-one individuals on behalf of some 3,000 residents of Alabama, involving both GE and Monsanto, is for $1 billion in damages.

Monsanto says it will defend itself vigorously from the charges of "negligent, wanton and willful conduct" in failing to warn the Alabama citizens of the "toxic and dangerous nature of PCB's."