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MONSANTO STATEMENT

(Requested by Dick Krantz - St. Louis Globe-Democrat)

Q: When it became apparent PCB might be causing damage to the environment, how did this issue affect Monsanto?

A: During the past two years, our reactions probably went through three phases. Briefly, our initial reaction was one of concern and puzzlement and a need for more factual information. Then, as our own scientific data and other reports from around the world indicated the presence of PCBs in the environment, our concern increased and we developed a planned course of action. This lead to the current phase of implementing our plan aimed at controlling the escape of PCBs into the environment.

We believe this course of action strikes a balance between the present need for the safety features of these products in certain controlled applications and the equally important need to protect the environment from uses that cannot be controlled.

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