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- The OECD (Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) PCB seminar in the Netherlands was a prelude to increased PCB controls in European countries. Although there is still not strong agreement on a single course of action among EEC nations, the consensus appeared to be that more stringent PCB regulations, including a ban similar to the U.S., will be enacted, probably within three years.
- Analysis of samples by MIC Environmental Sciences Lab as part of a joint project with Alabama Regulatory Agencies to study Choccolocco Creek sediments near Anniston was completed. A draft report was prepared for submission to the state. Samples were all significantly less than the 50 ppm regulatory cutoff (range 2.1 to 19.2 ppm, average 9.9 ppm).
- Recently announced EPA Enforcement Division PCB policy statements regarding PCB disposal time limits is causing some concern and disruption at Monsanto plants. The EPA interpretation which effectively reduces disposal time 90 days at the end of the year-long storage limit is significantly adding to demand for waste contractor transportation and incineration/disposal facilities. A short backlog may occur nationwide.
- The PCB bulletin for the Monsanto managers Public Issues volume was updated and published.


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