-MCGRAW-EDISON TO STOP USING PCB
INSULATING FLUID IN POWER CAPACITATORS

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PGH -DJ- MCGRAW-EDISON CO SAID EFFECTIVE NOV 1 IT WILL NO LONGER USE PCB INSULATING FLUED IN THE POWER CAPACITORS IT MANUFACTURERS.

LAST DECEMBER THE COMPANY A LARGE PRODUCER OF HIGH-VOLTAGE CAPACITATORS SAID IT HAD DEVELOPED WITH DOW CHEMICAL CO. AN 'ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE' SUBSTITUTE FOR THE COMPOUND PCBS OR POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS HIGH-TOXIC CHEMICAL COMPOUNDS WHICH HAVE BEEN LINKED TO CANCER MISCARRIAGES SKIN DISEASES AND OTHER ILLNESSES AND HAVE BEEN ATTACKED BY ENVIRONMENTALISTS.

THE COMPANY SAID THE NEW NON-TOXIC INSULATING FLUID TRADENAMED EDISOL WILL PERFORM THE SAME INSULATING FUNCTION AS PCB AND 'RESULTS IN A MORE RELIABLE CAPACITATOR.' THE COMPANY ADDED THAT BECAUSE OF INCREASED DEMAND FOR THE NON-TOXIC SUBSTITUTE ALL PRODUCTION AT ITS POWER SYSTEMS DIVISION'S GREENWOOD S C PLANT IS BEING CONVERTED TO NON-PCB CAPACITATORS.
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