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1800...AN "ACTION PLAN" TO REDUCE PCB PRODUCTION LEVELS and discharge with the eventual halt of all production and use in the United States was recently announced by Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Russell E. Train. He directed Regional EPA offices to bring their force to bear on manufacturers and large-scale users of PCB's and asked for voluntary self-regulation. In calling for the development of safe alternatives, Train noted that about 300 million pounds of the 700 million manufactured since 1929 still remain in the air, water and soil. Monsanto Chemical Company of St. Louis is the sole PCB manufacturer in this country.

The fire-resistant liquids, widely used in the manufacture of electrical equipment, paints, inks, plastics, adhesives, sealants, and hydraulic fluids, have been found in levels far exceeding federal limits in air, water, and soil. They have been linked to tumors, skin disease, gastric disorders and massive reproductive failures in mammals. //