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Birds Die Of Poisoning

NEW ORLEANS (AP)—An estimated 100 white pelicans died here of pesticides they apparently ate in Central America, s spokesman for the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission said Thursday.

The pelicans died on beaches south of here after migrating across the Gulf of Mexico.

Lab tests on two of the birds showed high concentrations of PCB, dieldrin, endrin and DDE, which is a derivative of DDT, said a commission spokesman.

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Petchem PCB action

WASHINGTON — Growing concern in petrochemical plants and user industries that polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) may be an environmental and occupational hazard has prompted the Electronic Industries Association to revise RS-392, a specification standard used by electronics manufacturers and their customers. EIA has issued RS-392-1, which allows use of substitutes for PCB in the manufacture of electronic capacitors. The revised standard permits substitutes for PCB impregnates in paper dielectric capacitors. Copies of RS-392-1 are available from the EIA's Standards Sales Office, 2001 Eye St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20006.

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EPA chief hit here on noise, water pollution

By Bruce Ingersoll

Russell E. Train, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, was challenged here Thursday on two major issues — noise pollution from foreign SST aircraft and water pollution from the unregulated discharge of toxic substances.

Rep. Sidney R. Yates (D-Ill.) accused Train of "bowing to commercial pressures" two weeks ago when his agency recommended letting the SSTs now being built by the Soviet Union and by a British-French consortium land at American airports.

Yates, an archfoe of supersonic transport (SST) jets, chided Train for "backtracking" from his anti-SST stance as chairman of the Council on Environmental Quality four years ago.

Meanwhile, Citizens for a Better Environment sued Train in U.S. District Court here on the ground that he has failed to impose limits on toxic discharges into the nation's waters.

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972 requires the EPA administrator to promulgate toxic substances regulations by Jan. 1, 1974, said Dennis Adamcyzk, research director for the citizens group.

The group asked the court to order Train to perform this "nondiscretionary duty" as specified by the act.

The substances include mercury, cyanide, cadmium, PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls), toxaphene, heptidine, DDT, aldrin, endrin and dieldrin, Adamcyzk said.

As for the SST controversy, Yates released the text of his letter criticizing Train. The congressman said it appeared that the EPA and Federal Aviation Administration were "tailoring noise restrictions for supersonic aircraft to what can be achieved by the manufacturers, rather than what is necessary to protect the public" from sonic booms.

Under the proposed rules, the 16 Concorde SSTs and an an unknown number of Russian Tupolov 141 SSTs now in production would not have to meet the noise limits required of new subsonic jets. Major—and perhaps impossible—noise reductions would be required of any SSTs built in the future, however.

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