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Lake PCB Great Lakes

Two fish caught in Lake Ontario contained dioxin at levels of 4.6 parts per trillion and 6.5 ppt, respectively, as well as traces of Mirex and PCB's, according to New York State health officials. This is the first time dioxins have been found in fish in this lake. State Health Commissioner Dr. David Axelrod says it is impossible to draw any conclusions from this limited survey, but has reiterated a warning against eating fish caught there. Sources of the contamination have not been identified, although Hooker Chemical Co. had admitted to dumping 3,700 tons of trichlorophenol, which contains dioxins, in the Niagara Falls area.

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