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Commissioners Will Sue Chemical Firm In Pollution Case

Commissioners Court has voted to sue Geneva Industries Co. for allegedly violating state water pollution laws on dumping.

Dr. Walter H. Quebedeaux, county pollution contorl director, Monday asked legal action against the chemical plant, which manufacturers biphenyl.

He said samples taken by his department in 1970, 1971 and 1972 showed the plant to be dumping effluent into a drainage ditch. Biphenyl is deadly to marine life and can be toxic to humans, he said.

Michael Wallef, attorney for the plant, told the court it has applied to the Texas Water Quality Board for a dumping permit.

He also said Geneva is using a $25,000 separator to remove the biphenyl from the effluent, but Quebedeaux charged that the separator is inadequate.

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