Governor won't take drink

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Gov. Hugh Carey, who offered to drink a glass of toxic PCB, now says he was just trying to make a point about how problems can be "overstated."

At a news conference on Wednesday, Carey charged that reports of health dangers from PCB released in a fire at the 18-story Binghamton state office building were "overblown."

Carey offered to "walk into any part of that building and drink a glass of PCBs."

On Thursday, a physician and researcher at the national Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta advised the governor not to try it.

"Based on the research information that is available, a glass of PCBs could cause death in a human," said Dr. Renate Kimbrough in a telephone interview with the **Albany Times-Union.**

"I don't want to get in trouble with the governor but I will say he shouldn't do it," she said in the interview published today, adding that death from PCB exposure would be caused by "severe internal bleeding."

Ms. Kimbrough, who has done pioneering research on the effects of PCBs, estimated that as little as 70 grams of the oily substance, used to retard heat in electrical components, could cause death.

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