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SUBJECT

PCB Disposal Problem

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I don't think the boy scout idea is wise or indeed practical.

In my opinion it's never going to be practical to implement a retrieval program for the capacitor units in service in private residential fluorescent light fixtures. By and large the general public is not even aware that PCBs are in their fixtures and it's probably just as well they aren't. A lot of people would undoubtedly become very emotional -- even panic -- if they found out their was a "cancer-causing" agent hanging over their heads.

By far the major use of fluorescent fixtures is in commerce and industry. I would guess that 80-90 per cent of all fixtures are in factories, high rise office buildings and apartment buildings, retail stores, etc.

I think this should be the target area for retrieval -- and it's a segment that offers some degree of control.

 Most of these applications are serviced by lighting contractors or maintenance people. An educational/PR program aimed at them would, in my opinion, be a worthwhile and productive activity.

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