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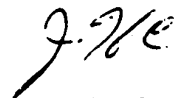
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Press reports of new microbial technology for biodegradation of PCBs in environmental contamination sites, e.g., soils, waters (rivers, lakes, etc.), were tracked down and reviewed. These reports are attributed to three different university research departments. In summary NO significant breakthroughs have been achieved yet which would lead to practical, commercial, cost-effective treatment of environmental PCBs contamination via microbial degradation. As in the past, only lower chlorinated PCBs (<3 chlorines/molecule) are effectively degraded at significant rates.

Most of these PR reports came from the American Society of Microbiology meeting at New Orleans.



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