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PCB-polluted soil to go to Wilsonville

Hazardous chemical wastes and contaminated dirt are being hauled in sealed drums from a polluted dump in Jefferson County, Mo., to an approved hazardous materials landfill at Wilsonville, northwest of Staunton.

The landfill, in Macoupin County is about 30 miles north of Edwardsville.

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Tuesday granted a special permit for the dumping, and Ken Mensing of the EPA's Collinsville office, today said the site is safe.

Mike Rapps, the EPA official in Springfield who issued the emergency permit, said it is estimated that between 500 ... 600 sealed 65-gallon dru... taining the contami... will be dumped at ...

Mensing said ... the process ... weeks an... day. P... ab...

St. Louis, said about 2,700 square feet of land is affected, but officials have not determined exactly how deep the contaminants are, so estimates on the total cubic amount are not available.

The chief contaminants are polychlorinated biphenyls or PCBs. They are hazardous ... humans and wildlife, part... cause they do not readi... down when relase... environment, a... food chain. ... suspected ... ailment...

Rapps said there is vi... no chance of the ... materials leaching ... hokia Creek, w... tween Staun... before c... skirts ... tur...

Judge halts PCB transport

By Larry Spohn
Metro-East Journal Staff
The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Thur... obtained a temporary re... ing order to prevent a ... oil salvage firm from ... possibly contaminat... ardous liquid from ...

The storage tanks are used by the Russell Bliss Oil Salvage ... of Ellisville, Mo. Bliss told ... nmental officials in Mis... Illinois Thursday that ... contain primarily ... may be contam...

of local residents to learn about the hazardous material landfill, and why the PCB-contaminated soil from Missouri is being hauled to Wilsonville.

DeMuzio has asked representatives of the Illinois EPA and the Earthline Corp., which operates the landfill, to attend ...

the latest ... Bliss ... Rapps ... ve ... proved ... rials. He ...

wardsville and empties into the Mississippi River between Wood River and Granite City.

Illinois EPA officials say the landfill at Wilsonville is safe because it has a thick clay base that has been analyzed to have a 600-year containment life.

cial permit from the Illinois EPA, may accept all types of hazardous industrial wastes, except radioactive wastes and potentially explosive materials.

He said the materials in metal drums are placed in a "secure trench landfill, neat... stacked into the landfill ...

... CBs ... present ... the envi... ... considered ... if high concen... ingested at one ... if low concentrations ... gested over a long period ... me.

The dump from which the materials are being transferred now is considered the source of pollution by PCBs of a creek tributary to one that empties ... ramec River in Jef... nty. The dump is ... near Dittmer, Mo., ... miles southwest of

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By Casey Bukro

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longlasting chemical poisons that accumulate in the environment and in human tissue.

A SCHEDULE for phasing out the production and use of PCB in the U. S. was outlined at an EPA hearing Tuesday in the Pick-Congress Hotel.

"PCB will be banned," Bremer said. "They are considered a health hazard. They tend to accumulate in human tissue, and they're suspected of causing cancer."

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BOCA RATON, FLA. — The little-publicized passage by Congress of the Toxic Substances Act, prohibiting (among other things) the

PCB pollution

Freshwater industry stands to lose a lot in FDA plan

By Douglas Starr
Special to
The Christian Science Monitor

Boston

Fishermen in the United States could lose up to $18 million if tougher federal regulations ... sh go into

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... on (FDA) ... levels in ... er million ... hearings

Thousands of Pounds of PCB Still Getting Into Environment

By STUART DIAMOND
Newsday

NEW YORK — If you wanted to pick the best place for a toxic chemical to get into the environment and cause widespread health problems, where would you put it?

How about in marine paints on the outside of ...

... blem," charged Joseph Highland, biochemist for the Environmental Defense Fund. "Hundreds of millions of pounds of this stuff will wind up in the environment because the government is unwilling to regulate it. If that material gets out there, there will be a national catastrophe."

HIGHLAND'S GROUP first sued the EPA in 1973 because it had not limited discharges of tox-

Effective in a Year

The newly enacted law will become effective one year after its passage, and Monsanto Chemical Co., sole PCB producer in the U.S., has already announced it will voluntarily discontinue their

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