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EPA Will Curb PCB Discharge

WASHINGTON, May 15 (UPI) — The Environmental Protection Agency says it will curb discharges into lakes and rivers of the industrial chemical PCB, a DDT-like compound used for the past 40 years in electrical machinery, plastics, petroleum products and carbonless carbon paper.

EPA based its recommendation on a 181-page report that PCB (polychlorinated biphenyls) caused skin and liver ailments and birth defects in laboratory rats.

Industrial discharges will be reduced so that PCB levels in lakes and rivers do not exceed 0.01 parts per billion, EPA said.

The report, written by a task force that included EPA, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the Agriculture Department and several federal bureaus advised against an outright ban.

The task force said Monsanto Co., the only U.S. producer of PCB, has already acted to limit sales of the chemical.

The FDA had previously proposed regulations to keep the chemical out of food.

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