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- EPA published a new list of PCB approved Class I landfills along with company and agency regional contacts this week. This will be provided to operating unit environmental control managers for distribution to appropriate responsible staff in their units shortly.

- The new "Superfund List" of national priority hazardous waste sites includes a 40 mile stretch of the Hudson River in New York State. This portion of the river was contaminated with PCBs discharged by General Electric Company from their capacitor manufacturing facilities prior to 1970.

- The media followed the technical papers presented at the Dioxin Symposium at the National ACS meeting in Washington very closely and gave very significant attention to a presentation and remarks by Dr. Schecter, formerly County Health Commissioner at Binghamton, New York. As a result of the PCB/askarel transformer fire at Binghamton in 1981, Dr. Schecter predicts effects of electrical transformer fires and malfunctions to be the new human health concern of the 1980's. The New York Times and other East Coast papers gave considerable coverage of Dr. Schecter's paper and comments.

- The research contract for the PCB - Dairy Cattle Study at Ohio State University was finalized.

- JHC reviewed EPA - PCB enforcement/compliance inspection goals and requirements for recordkeeping and annual documents at the monthly Environmental Control Committee meeting with emphasis on the recent EPA inspection of Soda Springs.

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