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SUBJECT : Recent PCB Health Effects Studies
by Dr. Safe

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Dr. Stephen Safe, co-author of the book "The Chemistry of PCBs" and formerly a proponent of PCBs as a very toxic chemical has changed his mind and "gone public".

At the recent Japanese Dioxin Symposium (September 1986), he made oral remarks similar to the ones in the attached article, but no such utterings were in his printed abstract.

Recently, he was the featured speaker at a Canadian Government sponsored symposium on dioxins and stated his position again for the press as well as scientists and government officials. Perhaps Dr. Safe's change of heart will help ameliorate the public's and U.S. Government's position on PCB health effects. It is too early to tell, but through CMA we will try to introduce Safe's recent position to U.S. EPA in future PCB rule making.

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Attachment

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