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11:30 a.m.	FERER: Industry officials say it may take as long as 20 years to rid the chemical known as PCB from our environment. These are fire resistant liquids used mostly for insulation in electrical equipment. PCB also has been used in such products as paing, plastic, rubber and ink. And administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency Russell Train, has warned that these chemicals are a significant hazard to human health. NEFF: ...found anywhere there is an electrical transformer. The city subways and els, about a ton per car. Also in hospitals, schools, and high rise buildings. There are now serious PCB hazards from those types of electrical systems. But because PCBs do not break down easily, and because of indiscriminate dumping, PCBs are a major threat in the nation's waterways. Unsafe levels are found routinely in Lake Michigan fish. Some experts say the fish simply are unfit to eat because of the PCBs. That in turn, threatens to cripple the sports and commercial fishing industries on Lake Michigan. The EPA action was billed as the first major step toward total elimination of PCBs. For the past 3 months, the midwest regional office of the EPA has been taking inventory on PCBs. That effort will continue. There are no federal regulations controlling the use of PCBs. The EPA action was simply a request to PCB useres to control their emissions voluntarily. But even if the EPA receives industry cooperation, officials say it will be at least 10, possibly 20 years before PCBs are eliminated from our environment. Chuck Neff, NBC News, Chicago. MONS 033483

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