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Lawsuit Charges PCB Contamination

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Two Aptos residents who claim they were contaminated by the toxic chemical PCB have filed a lawsuit against PG&E asking for an unspecified amount of damages.

Paul Volpigno and Susan Eva-Marie Heraver claim in the lawsuit they suffered internal and external injuries from the chemical which is contained in power pole capacitors.

According to the lawsuit, they were contaminated when they passed through a PCB spill near their home at 8025 Soquel Drive on Jan. 5, 1981.

Volpigno charges in the lawsuit he walked through the PCB spill and inadvertently picked up contaminated material while going to his home.

The PCB spill occurred in the driveway of his home.

Heraver charges she was contaminated when she proceeded down the contaminated driveway and went into the residence.

The two charge PG&E did not set up barricades around the spill and did not follow guidelines in federal toxic spill laws which require notice to all the residents in the area.

PCB has been found to be a cancer-causing chemical. PG&E is currently phasing out use of the chemical in its power pole capacitors.

The two are asking for general, special and punitive damages.

Attorney for the lawsuit is Paul Burdick.

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