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STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATE OFFICE BUILDING
SAINT PAUL 55101

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Governors' 5-State Interdisciplinary Council

FROM: Rollin M. Dennistoun, Ph.D.

The members of the 5-State Interdisciplinary Pesticide Council, in their meeting on September 30, 1971, adopted the following statement with respect to the area of PCB's and their effect on the environment:

Considerable concern is currently evident over the presence of PCB's in the environment. It is noteworthy that this situation has been promptly recognized by industry, state and federal agencies, and many positive moves have already taken place to decrease the problem. To safeguard further human health and environmental quality, the following points are concurred in by the Governors' Interdisciplinary Pesticide Council.

1. That in light of the 5 ppm PCB action level established by the USFDA, the state agencies responsible for food protection enforce the guideline on commercial foods. The state agencies should further refrain from participating in the distribution of fish collected at state weirs.

2. In view of the moderate toxicity of PCB's and the fact that sport caught fish are a less significant food resource than commercially caught fish, the state agencies should make an effort to publicize the fact that certain sport caught fish do exceed the 5 ppm PCB FDA guideline and the use of these fish as a staple food resource should be avoided. NOTE: (Identify fish and sources)

3. The state agencies should initiate industrial and municipal waste surveys to identify PCB source and initiate enforcement action to eliminate these sources. NOTE: Monsonto Chemical Company has indicated a willingness to accept unused stock or waste PCB's.

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4. The state agencies maintain a close liaison with the FDA and other federal agencies to be appraised of the most recent research, and if additional research concerning PCB toxicity or environmental impact becomes available it will be considered by the state agencies quickly and with due respect for public health.

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Administrative Supervisor

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Copies to

All visitors in attendance
at September [illegible] meeting.

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