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Curbs on sales of fish-tainting chemicals asked

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The sale of a group of toxic chemicals called PCBs, which have been found in fish from Lake Pepin and Lake Superior, should be banned except for essential uses, a state Pollution Control Agency (PCA) staff report recommends.

The report, released today, will be presented to the PCA board Tuesday at its regular meeting. If the recommendation is adopted, it will be forwarded to congressional leaders.

The report notes that recent research has established that PCBs—short for polychlorinated biphyenyls—can precent reproduction in fish, birds and mammals. It is also suspected that PCB may cause cancer.

The report is an attempt to put more weight behind a similar rec-

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