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Public meeting not very public

Public discussion of what may be a serious industrial pollution problem with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in the area eco-system wasn't very public Wednesday night since the public did not attend the meeting.

RICHARD BAREIKIS of the Environmental Quality and Conservation Commission (EQCC) suggested that the Wednesday night discussion be postponed until an effort could be made to gain public input into the meeting.

As it was, only members of the EQCC, the Monroe County Health Department, Mayor Frank McCloskey, city chemist Rick Peoples and Westinghouse officials attended the PCB discussion.

WHILE PCBs ARE NOT getting in the city's water supply at Lake Monroe, there is a possibility they are in the Bedford water supply coming out of Salt Creek.

PCBs are stored in fatty tissue of animals, including fish, and are passed along to offspring through biomagnification in reproductive processes. Once in the food chain, PCBs can reach humans who eat fish, drink water or milk or meat contaminated with the compound.

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