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Sediment May Be Source Of PCBs

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — A task force report says industrial plants and sewage-treatment facilities apparently are not major sources of polychlorinated biphenoyls (PCBs) pollution in the Mississippi River and its tributaries. The task sorce was organized to study the PCB problem after fish with high PCB concentrations were found in Lake Pepin. The task force said there apparently is a relationship between PCBs in fish and in river sediment. The report suggested there are PCBs in the sediment of the Mississippi, especially Lake Pepin and Spring Lake. The report indicated dredging stirs up the sediment, allowing PCBs, dumped into the rivers in past years, to mix with the water again.

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