New Contaminant Is Found By BCF In Southern Waters

GULF BREEZE, FLA. — A newly-found pollutant is turning up more frequently in aquatic samples originating from Gulf and South Atlantic states.

The substance is polychlorinated biphenyl and is being found in several different forms, according to a spokesman for the BCF's pesticides monitoring program here.

The contaminant is widespread and is similar to chlorinated hydrocarbons used in making "hard" pesticides such as DDT.

Exclusive producer of polychlorinated biphenyl is Monsanto Co. Although the chemical has several industrial uses, it is appearing in fresh and salt water as industrial waste.

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