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PCBs

The General Electric Company gave the Hudson Valley a Christmas present last week by repudiating its own evidence and expert testimony at a state hearing on the impact of their discharges of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) from two facilities 50 miles north of Albany on the Hudson River. Apparently GE could no longer maintain the sham of a defense it had attempted for the past 2 months.

The PCB problem has been thoroughly explained and publicized in recent editions of *The Yorktowner*, and we refer our readers to those editions for background information. There are signs that the media in general are beginning to recognize the significance of this not-so-new chemical threat to our well-being; witness the editorial in Monday's *New York Times*, and national network news coverage of EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) Administrator Russell Train's announcement of a control program based largely on voluntary compliance by industry. To the media we say, where have you been? To Mr. Train we say, too little, too late. Nothing short of an outright ban on this chemical cousin of DDT will begin to solve the problem. We look to EPA, Train, and Congress for quick action.

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