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A USDA news release on July 23 announced the agency was investigating the extent to which some poultry in the Southeast United States might be contaminated with PCB. A leak in a heat-transfer system which processes fish meal, used as an ingredient in chicken feed, apparently was the source of contamination. The Department's action prompted nationwide headlines and follow-up stories by major East Coast newspapers. By Friday, July 30, USDA tests showed no animals had higher than 1.4 ppm PCB and that no highly-tainted animals had reached the consumer. FDA (USDA) regulation for withholding food from the market is 5 ppm.

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