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PCB Hearing Scheduled

New York (AP) — State Atty. Gen. Louis J. Leftowitz has scheduled a public hearing on what he called "serious health and environmental hazards" linked with PCB — or polychlorinated biphenyls.

Leftowitz said Sunday the hearing would be held Dec. 13 to help determine whether protective legislation is needed to control use and disposal of PCBs, a group of toxic liquid chemicals used in electrical devices and paper products. Some scientists believe they produce, or tend to produce cancer.

The Federal Food and Drug Administration maintains a five parts per million tolerance limit for PCBs in food. Levels over 500 parts per million have been found by state scientists in fish caught in the Hudson River.

Leftowitz said the state Conservation Department is investigating the discharge of PCBs into the Hudson by the General Electric Co. plant at Fort Edward.

The hearing will be held at 10 a.m. in Room 67-70 of No. 2 World Trade Center.