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Conservation News

PCBs Threaten Health

Conservationists are becoming increasingly worried about a family of chemicals called PCBs which pose a threat to health. Missouri has had one major problem with PCBs. In the summer of 1975, fish bought from a commercial source in Wisconsin and stocked in five St. Louis city park lakes proved to be contaminated with the chemicals and were removed and destroyed. PCBs have been found worldwide. Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin has introduced legislation to ban the use of the chemicals which now are widely used in such items as hand soaps, copying-ink toners and other products.

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