

PCB study criticized

RALEIGH (AP) — A five-county regional planning group has called the draft of an environmental impact statement on PCB storage in Warren County a sham.

The Kerr-Tar Council of Governments board said the statement failed to respond to the issue of environmental impact on the area in the event of leakage.

Ninian Beall, a planner for the council that comprises Warren, Vance, Granville, Person and Franklin counties, said the impact statement made some modifications "in response to Environmental Protection Agency recom-

mendations and pressure from Warren County."

But, he added, "As far as impact on the environment if the dump leaks, it doesn't even address the question, which we think is crucial."

The statement contains only a one-paragraph chapter on the impact on the environment, Beall said.

The state has purchased land near Afton in Warren County to bury the toxic material which was dumped illegally along 210 miles of roadsides in 15 counties in 1978.