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Q: The Chicago Tribune recently ran a story on PCB found in chickens in New York state. The levels found ranged from 0.6 ppm to 30 ppm. Could you tell me why these levels were found?

A: (General background information on PCB and possible routes of escape to the environment were given from the files.)

Q: Would you care to comment specifically on those levels found in chickens and the probablilty the FDA will set tolerances some time before summer?

A: It should be emphasized the FDA has set an "action level" of 5 ppm and just for those chickens in New York. That is the only place PCB has been found in chickens.

PCB is a relatively low-level toxic material. FDA's action level seems to be well within the safe limits for humans.

Interim progress reports, from an independent two-year toxicity study, reveals PCB is no more toxic, and probably less toxic, than DDT which has presented no hazard to animals or man at its present level in the environment.

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