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North Carolina roads contaminated with thousands of gallons of oil containing PCBs last summer must be moved, according to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Douglas Costle. North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt, who wants to decontaminate the roads without tearing them up, received a letter from Costle who said that those techniques would result in "unknown and uncontrollable" human exposures. Hunt says Costle has no enforcement power under Toxic Substances Control Act to make him move the road surface, but that he will decide within 10 days whether to dig up the road and haul it to a chemical waste landfill, as Costle has directed.

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