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a performance bond and revisions to its plans for a treatment facility. If the park did not meet these conditions, the staff recommended revoking the variance and taking legal action for violation of PCA regulations.

State pollution control agency backs PCB ban

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The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA) board followed its staff's suggestion Tuesday and voted unanimously to support a federal ban on the toxic chemicals known as PCBs.

PCBs, which may cause cancer and birth defects in human beings, have been found in sufficient levels in Lake Pepin to force a ban to be placed on commerical fishing there. The state health commissioner has warned against eating more than one meal of Lake Pepin fish per week.

Joel Schilling, head of an interagency task force on PCBs, told the PCA board that PCB levels had not gone down since 1971, although the sole producer of the chemicals in the United States, Monsanto Chemical, had restricted its sales since that year to Westinghouse and General Electric. PCBs are used in electrical transformers and capacitors and are in wide use in making plastic.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency had recommended a ban on PCBs in May; a Michigan agency similar to the PCA also has recommended a ban.

Because PCBs are so widely used, only a national ban was thought to be effective. The PCA resolution will be forwarded to congressional committees for action.

The PCA also called for a conference on the transportation of petro-

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leum products on Lake Superior. PCA Director Grant Merritt said that movement of petroleum products on the lake now is small, but there are pending proposals to transport refined oil. If copper-nickel mining begins in northeastern Minnesota, he said, there may also be shipment of sulphuric acid on the lake.

"Although someone might criticize us for merely calling a 'conference,' said Merritt in a letter to the PCA board, "my experience with the beginning of the Reserve Mining Co. controversy is that an early session such as this, held on a somewhat informal basis . . . is an excellent mechanism for focusing attention on new problems."

The conference would include the states of Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin, as well as the province of Ontario.

International Falls deluged

A thundershower dumped 2.95 inches of rain on International Falls Tuesday, between 1 p.m. and

...pilined much in the past two years. Agents quickly solved a number of other kidnappings, for instance, including the much-publicized abduction of Eunice Kronholm last year.

But the Piper affair remains a highly sensitive matter, and Trimbach said he was "still optimistic" it would be solved.

Moore, who was born in Ulen, Minn., said he decided not to accept his transfer because he wanted his two children, ages 10 and 15, to be able to settle in one place permanently.

"Minneapolis is one of the more popular bureaus, and there are lots

...born.

Paul S. Myklebust, 17, rural Spicer.

The State Patrol said Stephen was killed shortly before noon yesterday when his motorcycle and a car collided on Hwy. 14, one mile west of St. Charles ... car, ... was n...

Anderson died after the motorcycle he was driving and a car collided early Tuesday at Sanborn. The car was driven by his cousin, Alan Braun, 19, also of rural Sanborn. Anderson was dead on arrival at a Lamberton hospital. Braun was taken to the hospital for observa-

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