STUDY EFFECT OF CHEMICALS IN IRISH SEA

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LONDON, Dec. 8—Scientific teams investigating the deaths of seals, sea birds, and fish off Britain's west coast, have started research on chemicals dumped in the Irish sea.

One chemical under close scrutiny is polychlorinated biphenys, a synthetic lubricant used in the paint and plastics industry, which until recently was not thought to have any toxic effect on wildlife.

Research by the nature conservancy's Huntingdonshire experimental station showed that thousands of sea birds found dead along the west coast six weeks ago contained large quantities of the chemical.

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