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PCB Reported Contained

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Testing of meat, egg products and other foods since mid-September indicates that PCB contamination from a packing company in Montana has been contained, the Agriculture Department says.

Carol Tucker Foreman, assistant agriculture secretary, said Thursday that excessive levels of the chemical, which has been linked to cancer in test animals, generally have not entered the food chain for nearly a month.

Food and Drug Administration sampling of retail food products in affected areas found no food contaminated with PCB — polychlorinated biphenyl — which was banned in 1976, but still is found in millions of electrical transformers.