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Phosphate limits praised

"Wisconsin may have passed her most significant, although barely noticed publicly, piece of environmental legislation of the '70s," says Rick Roombos, staff member for the Lake Michigan Federation.

"The move to strictly limit phosphate levels in detergents was a decision made by the people of Wisconsin to protect their water resources both now and for the future," Roombos said.

Assembly Bill 831, as amended, was passed by the legislature on March 31, the last day action could have been taken. The bill limits phosphate levels to .5 percent in most household laundry detergents, the major source of phosphorus in municipal waste water and the environment.

The law remains in effect until June 30, 1981. A study to evaluate the ban's effectiveness will be conducted through Jan. 1, 1982.

"The significance of this bill fortunately will never be totally or easily recognized," Roombos said. Wisconsin scientists were in favor of phosphate controls before the problems with algae blooms, drinking water supplies, orders, fish kills and recreational uses arose.

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Hexachlorophene, PCB not carcinogenic

The National Cancer Institute early this month published reports on separate 105-week carcinogenicity feeding studies in laboratory animals using hexachlorophene, an antibacterial compound, and Aroclor, a polychlorinated biphenyl used as a heat transfer agent. NCI concludes that under the test conditions neither of the compounds was found to be carcinogenic. The tests were part of the institute's continuing carcinogenesis testing program.

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