

PCBs In Illinois

The discovery of dangerously high levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in fish from 17 Illinois lakes should bring home the need to enact legislation banning the use of the substance. Fishermen are being warned that fish caught at the contaminated lakes should not be eaten, and for good reason. PCBs have been found to cause severe skin and liver disorders in humans and cancer in laboratory animals. For future protection, Congress should quickly enact Senator Gaylord Nelson's bill that would ban all use of PCBs in nonenclosed situations immediately and in enclosed situations within a year if acceptable alternatives are available.

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