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Ask Curb On Sale Of PCBs

St. Paul, Minn. —AP—A Minnesota Pollution Control Agency staff report recommends that the sale of a group of toxic chemicals called PCBs should be banned except for essential uses.

PCBs, short for polychlorinated biphenyls, have been found in fish from Lake Pepin and Lake Superior.

The report, released Friday, will be presented to the pollution control board Tuesday at its regular meeting. If the recommendation is adopted, it will be forwarded to congressional leaders.

The report says that recent research has established that PCBs can prevent reproduction in fish, birds and mammals. It also is suspected that PCBs can cause cancer.