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Polychlorinated Biphenyls Swim Across the Atlantic

Environmentalists claim that polychlorinated biphenyls, used in paints, inks and plastics, can be found in virtually every organism in the North and South Atlantic, at depths up to 11,000 feet.

How these chemicals have become so widespread is not known, nor is the hazard they present in small doses over the long run. In large doses, it is claimed they can change behavior and reproductive patterns in the same manner as DDT.

Monsanto Company has halted production of PCBs.

Definitive answers in this field are lacking. Smithsonian Institute has found significant levels of mercury in fish that have been preserved for thousands of years.

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