PRESS QUERY

PCBs

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Q. I gather that government health experts in the USA have identified PCBs in mothers' milk, believed to have come from fresh water game fish caught in rivers into which electrical establishments pour waste. Can PCBs get into British rivers in the same way?

A. For several years now, we have sold PCBs only to customers who are going to use the material in completely sealed-in applications. It is part of our sales agreement that customers will dispose of their waste PCBs in the approved fashion - i.e. incineration at very high temperatures. If need be, we can help them find a suitable waste disposal expert. Our own waste is disposed of in the same way. The chances of PCBs getting into British rivers today are therefore practically nil.

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