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Editor:

I have noted a recent article in a Chicago paper on another toxic chemical found in fish from Lake Michigan waters. The chemical is PCB or polychlorinated biphenyl which is used in the electrical industry. The newspaper article indicates that the FDA sets a safety standards of PCB at 5 parts per million and also states that many Lake Michigan fish including salmon and lake trout show higher levels of PCB than allowed by the FDA.

It appears that industry is still polluting our lakes and streams and we continue to find additional types of pollutants heretofore unknown. It is beyond comprehension why they have a legal right to do this. Industry does not own the lakes and streams that they dump their residue into from their manufacturing processes.

As a counter point -- no private citizen would be excluded from criminal action if he dumped or polluted the private property of industry. His trial would be quick and a sizeable fine levied and or a jail sentence of six months to a year with no pardon (ala Watergate). Fur-

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+++ "Fixed Paper Dielectric Capacitors with Non-PCB Impregnant for Alternating Current Applications, RS-392-1," a new publication describing new requirements for AC capacitors made with non-PCB oil impregnated paper dielectric for applications where the use of materials containing polychlorinated biphenyl is restricted or prohibited, is available at $3 from Standards Sales Office, Electronic Industries Association, 2001 Eye St., N.W., Wash., DC 20006. +++ An "International Symposium on Environmental Biogeochemistry," called to bring together scientists in a number of environment-related disciplines such as chemistry, biology, geology, and microbiology, will be held April 8-11 in Burlington, Canada. For details, contact A.R. Kirby, Public Relations Unit, Canada Centre for Inland Waters, P.O. Box 5050, Burlington, Ont., L7R 4A6, Canada. +++ A report, on "Longevity of Septic Systems in Connecticut Soils, B 747," which concludes that 493 such systems in a Connecticut town have failed since 1960, is available, free of charge, from Bulletin Room, Connecticut Agricultural Experimentation Station, Box 1106, New Haven, CT 00604.