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Availability of a report on animal tests of Aroclor 1254 for cancer-causing activity (carcinogenicity) was announced by HEW's National Cancer Institute in today's Federal Register.

Aroclor, a polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) used as a heat transfer agent, was given in feed to rats for 104 to 105 weeks. According to a summary of the report included in the announcement, Aroclor 1254 was not carcinogenic to the rats under the test conditions.

The tests are part of the Institute's Carcinogenesis Testing Program. Copies of the report, Bioassay of Aroclor 1254 for Possible Carcinogenicity, are available from the Office of Cancer Communications, National Cancer Institute, Bethesda, Maryland 20014.

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