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Toxic PCBs found in Florida

"Astronomically high" levels of the toxic industrial chemicals PCBs have been found in Southeast Florida waterways. PCBs, a group of compounds known as polychlorinated biphenyls, have been linked to cancer in recent laboratory tests.

Officials said the highest concentration of the chemicals ever recorded, 1.3 million parts per billion, was found in the New River near Fort Lauderdale in April. Other high concentrations were found in Miami and in waterways adjacent to Everglades National Park. Officials say they do not know how the chemicals got into the water.

No studies have yet been made to determine if there is a buildup of the chemicals in fish in the area.

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